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Mercantile Lebrary Association Montreal Dec 19 1856

> E.M. Chenry Rec. Secretary

Mucantile Lebrary Ussociation Monday Dec 13 1.056 The Unrual meeting of the association for the election of Office bearers was held in the Reading Room this voering at 8'oclock The President having taken the chair and read the notice calling the meeting, requested the Secretary to read the munites of the last annual and servi-annual meetings. and of the meeting for the reception of the Report of the Board of Direction which were offreved and confirmed-The President then appointed Mefor Richard Macdonald and Heigh Mathieson scritineers and the ballating for Office bearers resulted as follows | For President, In Baster 49 - R Thomas 19 It Macauley 6. I Phloghoun 1 no! Barter was declared duly elected "Vice President. Is He Mucauley 34 I Plleghon 32 The Thomas 6. I De Well Ja 1 There being no election, a second balat resulted as follows I Pblighown 53. & H Mocauley 36 Mr. Cleghorn was declared elected. . Cours from ding Seely. IR Thomas 45 W. Bandner 12. I Ho Macauley 12 Scattering 9 In Thomas was declared elected .. Recording Society & M. Chency 67. & M. Leman 6 Scattering 9 Mr. Cheney was declared elected " Treasurer & W Macauley 63. & W Slephens & IN Tayle 3 Southering 3 Mr Mosunley was declared elected

The ballot for Directors resulted as follows & Wollephens 65 In Lean 41 Of De Welt In 62 Tyman 39 & McPherson 57 &DHenderson & McLennan 55 &M Minchin W Van Abbott 43 _ Of Seed 38 3% 34 W! R Macdenald then moved seconded by Il Thomas, and it was resolved That the meeting now proceed to the election of two auditors by acclasmation mels " I Lewis and I Kingan being nominated were elected unanimously Moved by Mr. I Lewis seconded by Mr. D'Rees and resolved, "That Mep. I Campbell and I'm Pherson be appointed to audit the accounts of the past year about to be published in paniphlet form-W. I Lewis then proposed a vote of thanks to the President and Board of last year, which was also carried unanimously The meeting then adjourned E.M. Chency Ree Secty Cultury

Monday Dec 8: 1856
The first regular monthly meeting of the new Board was held in the Commelle Rom this evening of eight oclock.

Present. President Vice Preside. Correspondent

Present. President Vece Presch. Correspondent and Recording Secretaries Treasurer, and Mass Stephens, De Will, M. Lennan, Henderson, Seed

and Munchin Ductors.

The following letters were read by the Correspond eng Vecly -From Mes: Lyman and Vanliblot resigning their seats at the Board; and one from PG Laure Editor of the Owen Sound Times" offering to send the Jimes" free to the association -The Board accepted the resignations of Must Lyman and Van abboth, and elected & Mathewson and MI Gandner to supply then places. The following gentlemen were elected Honorary Derector for the ensuing year Hon John Young F.W Tonance . Ho Stephens, and Vas Metchell, Het Munchin gave notice of his resignation as a Derector and Mr. Richard Moderald was elected to supply his place, The President then deveded the Board enti committees; as follows, Reading Room, Mc Lerman, Chency, Seed. Library, Cleghown, Stephens, Gandner. Class. Thomas, Mathewson, Mc Lean, Henderson, Lecture, Mocdonald, De Will, Thomas Finance, Macauley, Baxter, McPherson. Throved by Mr Do Well seconded by Mr Macauly and Resolved. "That the Con Secty, be instructed to write to the M. L. association of New York, enclosing a copy of last years Report" Moved by On Thomas seconded by me Mescanly and resolved -"That the President and Nece Preset be apported a committee to arrange matters with her Halshe regarding his alcases. A letter was read from the Social Debating

Clieb" requesting the use of the Committee Room once a week during the westermoved by M. Thomas seconded by M. Macauley "That the letter be referred to the Class Commellee, Thosed in amendment by Mr. Cleghan seconded by Mr. Henderson -That the request be immediately acceded to, the naming of the evening being left to the Class Committee, Last The original motion was then puland carried moved by Mr. Macauley seconded by Me Seed "That a new cover be put upon the table in the Committee Room, at the expense of the Association. moved in amendment by W. Thomas seconded by Mr. Stephens and resolved "That the matter be defended moved by M. Thomas seconded by Me Me Lennan and resolved-"That an advertisement be inserted in the Transcript for two weeks, requesting that all claims against the association be sent in without delay -The Lecture Commettee were instructed to report at the next meeting what arrangements could be made for Mr. Lords lectures. moved by Mr. Me Lennan Leconded by M. Stephens and resolved That members shall stand when addressing the chair. Moved by Met Stephens seconded by Me. He enderson and resolved. That this meeting now adjourn until Monday evening next at half past seven oclock & The Chency Hee deely

Monday Dec 15 1956 Un adjourned meeting of the Board was held in the Committee Room this evening al eight oclock - Present. The Vice President, Correspond ing and Recording Secretaries and Triusurer and Mep. Henderson, M. Leun, M. Lerrian; Stephins De Welt, MacDonell o Mathewson, The president being absent, the Vice President look the chair and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lecture Committee reported that they had engaged the Mechanics Hall at ten dollars a might for mederdo lectures, but not being able to obtain it on all the night named sigthe 9 8 13 15 17 022. They had been alleged to aller the time for two of the lectures, also that they had out decided whom the puce of lichets and regrested the action of the Board on this at this stage of the proceedings the President arrived, and the Vice Pierdt rengred the chair to Mr. Thomas. Ven anones excended by millanderson That single lichets be 1/3° for members and alters," but on the following amendment being offered by macauley the motion was withdrown, Proved by Mr macanly seconded by m holeman and revolved -That baket for Om Lords between be sold as ballows - vy-Single bethet for gentlemen er ladies 0-1.5 Course, "Gentlemen , 5.0 " " Lodies , 26_ The President then read the report of Mely

Commercial advertiser and handed to the Real and letter.

The Chairman of the Class Committee reported on the letter from the "focial Debating Club" referred to them at the last meeting, and recommended that its request be granted" when it was moved and resolved "That the use of the Committee Room be granted to the "head Debating Club" one night in each week"—

The President reported that matters had not been finally arranged with Mr Walshe, but were in course of selllement -

It was then resolved that the city be canvarian for new members as soon as the President shall have divided the Cely into sections and house supplied the members of the Board with books' The Chairman of the Lebrary Commeltee refinded hovery ofened the vocant soon in the rear of the Lebrary, and requested the board to conform their action, which was approved of and the Thomas moved seconded by In McDonnell and It was resolved. That the room he used as a conversation room and for the purpose of playing chess backgamma and draught, under the derection of the Lehary Commelter"-(dutherity was quen to the Lethary Commetter to alove the Schary for one month for the purpose of preparing a list of books to be sold or rebound -

The meeting then adjourned until Monday evening the 220 enst at Lolf part seven oclock EM Cheney Rec Lecty -Monday De e 22 1856 Un adjourned meding of the Board was held this evening at halffast seven, Present. The President Wice Presch, Corresponding ledy, and Treasurer, and mel Mathewson, In Leman Henderson, McPherson, Leed and Gardner, The Recedenty Lecty being absent, Mr Bandner was appointed to perform his duties for the evening - The minutes of the last orseling were read and conformed-The Corresponding learetary then land before the Bound the following letters, vez one from INTonrance, accepting the office of Honorary Dueclar, on condition of his being required to altered only on Special occasions"; and one from The I Lord will some information concerning his arrival, The Chairman of the Library Committee amoneed a present from me De Wett I'm of Prescotto History of Phillip 11. 2 vols - and on the fact of the Commette requested permiseion li rebind "Hogarts (Plates) " (Malcoms Persia" 2 vols, and Homellins gyft I who Plates; which was granted -He also mentioned that the arrival specimens in the museum required a supply of spirit to preserve them which the Board descussed the perpuety of offormeny a museum Commelle, In Thomas surred seconded by michenen that a Museum Committee be manned by the President in the same way as after Committees

In hacarly moved in amendment recorded by Mi Clephon That the Museum be placed under the charge of the Class Committee's-The amendment was last and the original motion carried, but a section of the Rules and regulations hoving been produced by which the mureum is entrusted to the Leberry Committee, the motion was well-drawn -The Treasurer reported that having learned from the Receiver General's Department of the Bank of Upper Canada, that the former of atterney to draw the \$50 granted by book for the last year had never been received he had sent another former of ally, and that the money might be expected in the course of the present week -In mocauly then moved recorded by (Im Leed That all members of the Board present at any meeting shall be below to record their vote, upon every motion placed before the Bound - Lost-The meeting Ken adjonmed until Monday the 29° ends at half past seven oclock PM. & Mcheney WI Gardner 1 Ree Leely lecty pro lim) Monday Dec 29 8 1856 Un adjourned meeting of the Board was held in the Committee Room this evening at half past seven, Present- Presedent Nece President, Corresponding and Recording Rocataries and Mef matterson MacDonnell Stephens. Candener, McAleram Mileman & Hendura

The munitios of the last meeting were read and confirmed The President reported progress in the Walshe affair and read a letter from himself to m Walshe, and the answer thereto -The Chairman of the Library Committee repuled, and read a list of books selected by the Committee for sale, which was reserved and laid on the latte moven by Mr Stephens recorded by Mi Inc Donnell "That the books not crossed out on the above list just read be laid aside for sale, moved in amendment by Am Thomas, recorded by m. mepherson, That the final consideration of the list he postponed lite the next meeting which was last, and the original motion was pul and carried -The Chairman of the NewsRoom Committee regnested permission to purchase new stools for the Reading Room - what was granted. The meeting then adjourned -& M Cheney Rec Leely Monday Jany 52 1857 a Regular Monthly meeting of the Board was held this evening at half past seven, Present. The President Vice President Corresponding & Recording Lecretaries send Treasurer and Mels: Stephens, Milerman, Mathewan 8 Henderson-The minister of the last meeting were then read und approved, The Treasure read a letter from the Bank of le Canada Towns, enclosing the £50. quanted by Government

The President reported progress in the Walshe affair, and informed the Board that M. Walshe had promised to pay the rent now due on the 6" inst.

It was then resolved that tocket for M. Lords believes the eent to the Mechanics Institute, Institute Canadian

and Ratural History Lociety -.
Moved by Mi Stephens seconded by Mr McLennan
and resolved

That the thanks of this Consciolin are due and are hereby tendered to R Thimas and Mith boult Esquires for their kindness in landing to Consciolin Tifty pounds for the selllement of the Genard Claimin Do. last, and for the Confidence and interest they thereby manifested in the Consciolin -

The President howing distributed books to the Committees appointed to convers the cely for new members, the meeting adjourned until Monday evening the 12° inst at eight o'clock.

E In Chency He Secretary -

Monday Jany 12? 1857

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this
evening at 8 octock, Present, President, Vace President
Corresponding & Recording Lecutaries and Treasures
and Music Stephen De Will, Mr Lean Henderson and
M. Lemman -

The munutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President read a communication from WIF

Lawren relative to the formation of a Cheer club-The Lecture Committee reported the commencement of Mn Lade Golden, and prespect of covering expresses thus fur don'thful -

The President reported that Mr Walshe had paid ten founds on afe of heart due The Treasurer reported on the forward state of the association -The Treasurer informed the Board that he would be absent from the cely for a week or perhaps longer, when it was moved and resolved "That the Prendent take charge of the finances during the absence of the Treasurer. moved by Im De Will recended by Mr Chency and resolved That the Lecture Committee be authorized li close the arrangments with Im Lord for the delivery of his becture on "Galileo" after the conclusion of the present course, provided the annuersary local dues not interface therewith _" moved by Br. DeWitt seconded by M! Clighon and That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to enter ente communication with the deterary locieties of Tounts, Hamilton Linden, Bytum and Quebec, with a wer of recurring their cooperation in the arrangement of a course of summer beclines -Thoused by Mr Henderson seconded by Mr Thomas and That the Library Committee be authorized to purchase Ches onen of I be placed in the Ches and conversation Troom for the use of members of the association -The meeting then adjourned until Brinday evening the 193 und at 8 oclock -En Chaeney Nec Seare Lary

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at eight oclock, fusent fresident on Recading Levelay - and Map In Lerman Matheman and Henderson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and com-

The President reported hoving received Twefounds ten shellings more on ofe from Mr Molche

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

En Cheney

Rec Secretary

Monday Feby & \$ 1857

A Regular munitity meeting of the Board was held this evening at Poclock, Purent, Consepending and Recurding Lecutaries and Treasurer, Muf. Stephens In Lemman, Mathewar and the enderson. (Vice Presch, late, The Princeton and Vice President being absent Mr.

Stephens was requested to take the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were reach and

The Lecture Commenter reported the result of the six between delivered by Im Lord with a delacted statement of New precedings, and amnowned the receipt therefore Ag. 2, 6. over and above all expenses.

Bronce by Mr. Macauley reconced by Mr. Gardiner

That the financial report of the Lecture Commetter he reserved and adopted, and that the thank of the Brand are due and are kerely tendence to them for their energy and geal desplayed in the performance

Moved by Mr Chancy reconsed by Mr Matterson and Serolved. That the President and Encephonding Seely

be authorized to sent the some new occupied by the association for a period of one or three years on the present terms, and to subset the soon now occupied by Im Springle at a rent not less than that now paid a communication from the Chairman of the Lecture Committee on the subject of the recent becluses was read, and adred to be fyled with the financial report Groved by Amothemus secunded by Im Macauly and serbred That the several Convassing committees report their success at the next meeting of the Board Thomas by Mr. Mocauley seconded by Mr Gardner and resolved "That the Palele Committee be regnested to report at the next meeting of the Board The Schory Committee reported hoving received a denation from Mr & Kershaw of Barry Cornwals Essays and Tales, 2 vols_ The meeting then adjoinmed to Minday evening the 93 wish at eight oclock-En Cheney Re Secretary Monday Febr 98 1857 An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this Eve, at & oclock. Present - President Vice President Con Secty Treasurer. My Missenan, Methans Handerson Mathewson and boundner - (M'Lean very late) The Reanding Sect, being absorb from the Cely mich Soman acted as such pro lem -The minutes of the last oncerting over read and confirmed

(signed) EM Leman Sety pulin

Monday Teley 16 1857

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this
evening at Poelsch - Present - President & Vice President
and Mr. M. Leman Ledy Phlom Prefs Steplens Henderson and
M. Lean eat.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, Learny Committee reperted progress, Mr northwese mut having get returned -

Carwassing Committees reported as fallows -

In Henderson on behalf of himself an Mi Matterson having obtained eight names.

In In German on behalf of homself and In Metherson having conversed their division without success-

The Walch Committee reported having received an additional Lot on afe or rent, and that Mr Walshe ever willing to pay up to the 18 of Febry and terminate his leave -

Moved by M. Slephens see by Mr Memman.

That the Walshe Committee be instructed to arrange with In Walshe the termination of his lease, on condition that he pay the sent due to the 12 Feby and such an amount for gas, as may be found justly due by him! Carried Mound by Mr Stephens see by Mr Memman.

That the President be requested to instructiffe Superinterest to turn off the gas from the metre every might at ten oclock and en the doors looked before leaving the premises Carned 5- ages to I hay.

Moved by In Henderson see by Mr Cleghorn. That the execution of the motion such earnied be deferred until after the mest meeting of the Board. Carried on a devision -

moved by M. bleghown seed by Om Stephens -That it is advisable to have a grand Concert in Connection, with the acceptation at such time during the month of march as may be found must expedient and that the answer, the President, and M. M. Lemnan. be a Committee to arrange preliminances and to report there at the next meeting of the Board. Carried a letter was read from alkamsay & on behalf of the Committee of the Unitarian Church asking on what time the Board would let the Lecture Room and me of the Committee Rooms adjoining.

Mored by Mr Leman see by Mr Clighon.

That the President and Mi M Leman be a committee

to heat with Mr Ramsey relative to the above, with

full person to bind the association in the maller Samed

The meeting their adjourned to Monday Eng next

(signed) & M Leman

Leely protem

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at half past eight oclock Purent, there President and Rec beety- and Map - D. Linnan Mathewson Menderson Methodoron Methodoron Staptoni and Milan.

The West Prosth in the Chair

The President and Corresponding deely armed at mine o'clock laving been delayed by business for the association -

The Leaving Commelter separted that Mr. Madhumer offered the Rooms for three years at the rate of £150. for the first and £175 for the time following years, and recommended that the offer he accepted.

mored by Mr. h. Lennan seed by Mr Stephen.
That the President be auchorized to leave the Plans now occupain by the association at the above Einter for the

next then years - Carried --The Walsh Commettee repulsed progress moved by milleghan see by Me Handerson That On Stephens motion passed at the last meeting relature to the closing of the Rooms at ten o'clock, he rescended. Carried moved by In Clighon recended by Mr Thomas That the President be requested to instruct the Superntendent to turn off the gas and close the Rooms of the Association every might at ten oclock precisely, except on the ought of the meeting of the Hockelaga Debating Club, proveded, to Chairman of that club will personally see to the closing of the Norms - Carried -The Consell Committee reputed and recommended that the Cencert be held, In Mathewson moved reended by MiThomas That the present Committee be now discharged, and that Bref. Baxter , In Leman Clighon and Steplens be appointed a Committee to take every necessary step for the carrying out of the Concert - Carried Im Thomas reputed that, when his own responsibility he had aftered In Giles fifty dollars and half the proceeds for two lectures to be delivered before the association, and requested the Board to conform his action or attenuise. Broned by Im ha Lennan seconded by Br Mc Plesson and resolved That Im Thomas, action in this matter be confirmed, The meeting then adjourned, & M Cheney Secretary -Monday Mand 18 105) a Regular monthly meeting of the Board, was held this evening at O o'clock . Present . Present View President

Conesp, and Ree Lecetaries. Info Mathewson Stephens Metherson Midennan Kenderson Miteun -The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed The President reported that the leasing of the Hooms would be effected as soon as the Notary could prepare the leave The Walshe Committee reported progress-Mr. Thomas moved seconded by m. McPherson That the Walshe business be left entirely in the hands of the present Walshe Commeller, and that the Board hereby conforms the action which it has already taken, Carried I'm In Leman Moved seconded by M. Stephens -That in the event of the Committee not being able to effect an ameable selltement with Mr. Walsh, a demand be made forthwell for sent and gas to the 1th march enest which if not paid, that legal measures be taken to turn him out of the premises - Losh The Concert Commettee seported progress-M. Thomas moved seconded by Br. M. Pherson That, as the Board learns that Theodore Parker proposes delivering a becture in Champlain during this month, the Corresponding Leculary be authorised to send him an invitation to visit this city at the same time, and to offer him fifty dollars per lecture, for one two or three bestures to be delivered before this association - Carried In! In Lemman moned seconded by to Chency That the Cor Ledy be requested to write to the principal ection for circulars of proces cornerit to be placed in the Reading Rown -

Reading Rown.

Moved in avendment by Mithomas see by M. Shephens.

That the Chairman of the Meading Room Committee he requisited to write for the propose inteact of the Control.

amendment Carried on a downin -

Resolved that the thanks of the Reconstin he lindows to MA: Fermes for his presentation of the stained glass

on the Reading Room door In accordance with a by Law praced at the lash annual meeting of the association, met In Lornall Leed, and De Welt having been absent from three consecutive monthly meetings without excuse, were declared ni lenger members of the Board, and the Rec Ledy was instructed to inform them officially of meeting adjourned to Monday evening next at d'ocloch Eh Cherry Ree Secretary Monday March 9 1867 An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at & oclock. Kresent Vace President (in the chair, Corresponding Lecretary mef In Lemman Metherson Candner Stephens and Henderson an Treasurer The Ree Lect; being absent from the City hi hi Leman, asted as ench protein minutes of lash meeting were read and confurmed Walsh Committee did not report in consequence of the abrence of the President Concert Committee reported progressa letter was read from M. De Will groung his reasons for absence at the last regular meeting, when it was moved by hi Thomas recorded by Mi Stephens and resolved That the Board regret having been abliged to enforce the eule north reference to members not altending monthly meetings, in In De Welt case, but as at is now an poissoin of his exerce, and it is one that meets the views of the Bye law referred to, he is thereby se elected a member of The Cor bely reported the receipt of a communication from Theo Parker stating that he could not come to

Montral at present, but that after the 15" of May be would be after for an engagement -

That arrangements be entered ante with Mr Parker to ensure a lecture before the association in June, or if the engagement cannot be made for June and can for many, that it be made for that month - barried, Moternan descenting.

The Romes funding Seely reported that he had been in communication with Eleha Brownitt, which had sended in his engagement to deliver a Lecture before the Assession the 163 april next.

That the action of the Corresponding becretary be confirmed"
That the action of the Corresponding becretary be confirmed"
That the Timance Commettee be instructed to lay before the Board at its next meeting if practicable, a full and complete statement of the outstanding debt of the accounting.

That the Superintendent be instructed to prepare a full and complete list of the members of the Consciolin, distinguishing there that have and have not paid the constant for such another as the Board at it ments on the Board at it ments meeting -

The Chairman of the News Room Committee accommended that the "A York Commerceal advertises" be descontinued and the Journal of Commerce taken in the stead.

Resolved that the recommendation be adapted.

Drived by Mrs Slephins see by Mr. Motherson and hearland.

"That the Chicago Daily Tribune be substituted for the "The meetly," furthwith.

Thef John Campbell and William Saller were elected Ducadas in the place of Muf Leed and Madannell.

moned by M. Thomas recented by M: M. Leman and resolved -

That the form of bard, submitted by the Vice Prodh to be sung up in bealt and alle public places, he received, and that he be authorized to have the necessary sumber punted and distributed -

The meeting then adjourned to monday next at

(signed) Em Lennan Lech- per tem

Thorday March 163 1857 anadjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at 8 o'clock - Present Were President (in the Clair) Con Lecty. Rec Leety and Treasurer, and Prefo Henderson Mathemen De Welt In Leman Saller and Campbellminutes of last meeting were read and confirmedy The Halche Committee did not report in consequence of the abrence of the President

The Coverfunding keets read a letter from Elehn Burnett asking if at would be advisable to deliver a becture an a "plan for the percalle extendion of slavery" - also one from . Or biles stating that it would be impossible for him to become before the association as requested -The Treasurer reported that it was unprosecble for the Finance Committee to lay then report before the Board at present, but that it would be ready for the next meeting The Chairman made the following alleration in the Standing Committees -

In Campbell to be Chairman of the Heading Rain Committee in place of Mr. Oh'down an transfound to the Lecture beaumenter - and Mr. Salter in place of mo Red on the Reading Room beammittee ...

In consequence of a mountainstanding with some

member of the Bound, In Macauley handed in a. letter resigning his affece as Trearmer, when it was moved by Made With recorded by Mr. M. Serman That the resignation he laid sipen the lable until the next meeting - Carried-

The meeting then adjourned to next minday evening En Chency Radeculary

Monday March 23° 1857 an adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at 8 o'clock Present. Vice President (in the Chair) Corresponden, and Reculing becularer and Treasurer, and Mil Matterson Henderson, Saller Campbell Gandner mcPherson Mannan In Lean.

Minutes of last meeting were read and conformed In consequence of the absence of the President the Finance Committee did not report, but the Treasure gave a short statement of the affairs of the association a letter was read from to Dorwin Egg M.S. Consul. accompanying a donation of 4 vols of valuable backs Thoused by mon phenon sec by monteman and resolved That the thunks of the association are due and are hereby Kendered to Comin of UdGonsul for his valuable donation and kind note, and that the lavely decly be requested to communicate the same to him -It was also suggestive and revolved that the Board take advantage of Mr Downs Kind offer to precure a copy of the New american Sauff for the accounter -In Macauleys letter of resignation handed in at the last meeting and laid on the lable, was taken with and read by the hearday -Throned by Im Campbell seconded by Mr. M. Lennan That Mr Macauleys resignation be accepted on the

sole ground, as he humself states that he has out time to devate to the duties of his affice; and that end the after subject mentioned in his letter the Board considers that it has nothing to do - Last

Moned by Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Mathewson
That the parties of Mr Macailege letter which refus
to his acceptation by "I place my resignation in
your hands" be accepted, but that the remainder the
Broad cannot receive they being of afunin that the
Charges therein contained one not streetly correct

moved by Im Mr Pheren see' by m Henderson,

Thus - Or Macunleys resignation as now tendered be

mul a ccepted - Lust Though by Mr Ma Lennan seconded by Mr Thomas That Om Brocanleys letter of rengration be returned to him, but that his resignation given nechally this

moned by Im Campbell recented by Mr. Bretherson

That the Con bech be requested to male to the auditors

convenience and audit his accounts - learned

The meeting then adjourned to Tresol as evening next

En Cheney Ree Seely

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening of 8 iched Present President. Vice President Can Sich Res Sich and Muf On Limnan Campbell Inopheron De With I alter, Candenie & Henderson The menter of bash meeting over read and confirmed The Concert Committee wholes progress and the evening was then occupied in making general, awange.

ments for the Cencert to be held on the 26" unch.

There are by M. Thomas recented by Mr. B. Leman

That mobile he appointed Treasurer in place
of m Maccurley resigned. Carried.

Im PD Brown was then elected a Develor to pupply

the vecancy occurred by Mr. Campbells formation, and

the meeting adjourned.

& In Cheney Rea Section

Monday april 6 3 1857

A regular meeting of the Board was held this
wening at I o'clock Present boa bedy - Her bedy and
Trearmer and Muf. Salta Matheman to and Dethit
A Lean, Brown benduren - On Lemman (beer Pundent
very latic)

Mi Thomas was requested to take the Chair

Brimste of last meeting were read and confirmed
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Corresponding Leety read a letter from Theodore Packer amountary the probability of his bring able to lecture in June west. also one from Eliha Burill saying that he would reach Burshall on the 15° enal and would deliver only one lecture.

The Class Commelle read a communication from a Commelle of the Codelage debatery Clark, relative to Mathie Debater, and requested the action of the Board hour. Involved by Mr. De With seconded by Mr. M. Lorman That the Board consure in the oriens of the Cocklage. Debating Clark relative to the demability of public debate, but they do not consider it admissible to have said debate in the Reading Home, but will grant the second of the Leature Room for that purpose. Carried Promed by Elberry reconded by the Matheman.

That the raid Public debates, if curried out, be under the devotion of the Hordelays Debateny Club alone, and that the matter be now referred buch to the class committee and the instructions contained in this and the presiding resolution.

The Library Committee reported progress relative tothe cult of books -

moved by Mr Campbell recended by Malbitt

Chat the Lestine Romin he leaved to the Unitarian Church

Locally for Lundays only, at the rate of ten shellings a

day— Carried

Momenty Mr. M. Lemman seconded by Mr. Committee be waited upon timerow by the Walete Committee, and requested to aette at once for the gas used by him to this date, and if he refuses such selement, that this gas he cut off tomorow might

Fromed by Mi Campbell seconded by Mr Henderson,
That the Campassery Commetter who have not reported,
report family at the next meeting of the Board.

Carried

The meeting then adjourned to Monday evening and EM Cheney Rec Lecty

Monday April 13 1857

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this
evening at 8'c'clock - Present. Vice President (in the Chair)
Everylanding Secretary, and Treasure, and Out of De Will
Gandner, Henderson, Mathewar and Medernery
(In Lean and Brown Late)

Minutes of last oneiting were acad and confirmed, boncert Committee reported progress - also barrowing Committees - and (but Campbell agued

to act with M. Gandener in convaring, in place of m Ma Donnell furnely appointed -

A letter was read from the President sessing his Office, and enclosing a letter from Mo R Mc Downell attorney to me Walshe informing the President, that he was instructed to institute legal proceedings ogainst the Association for the recovery of £25, damages, said to have been sustained by him in consequence of the gas being cut off on the night of a publishy advertised becture, which was done in compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Yourd

Moned by M. Thomas seconded by M. Henderson.

That the matter be referred to the Walshe Committee to late such action as they may deem necessary, avoiding legal presending if pureble".

mored in amendment by Mr. M. Leman excended by mr. Candner-

That the words, "Conding legas proceedings if possible" be struck out

The motion as amended was carried -

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The Thomas was elected President of the association, In Candner, Corresponding lecty in place of Mr. Thomas and Im I Thees Develor in place of Om Candree The Vice President then resigned the Chair to the newly elected President In M. Lennan suggested on behalf of the Concert Committee, that it would be adverable to tender the per me of the looms to mepo Prince Hubert & Muirmoved by mide Will recorded by In Inc Lemnan That the thunks of this association be lendered to Much D main Il Prince, In Herbert and Im mein for their valued services at the late Promenade Concert, and that the free me of the Rooms be tendered to mely Prince Berbert & Min for the current year - Carried The Lebrary Committee handed in their report of the Sale of books, showing as net preceds of sale £ 21.53. Thousand by Bort Henderson seconded by In In Learn, That the report he received and adapted moved in amendment by In DeWill recorded by In Campbell That the Report be received and laid on the lableamendment last Original motion carried The President and the President were appointed a Walsh Committee -The report of the Finance Committee was branded in and on motion was laid on the lable for consideration at the next meeting. adjourned to Monday evening next (signed) & Me Lemman lecty protion

Monday april 20 7857 An adjurmed meeting was held this evening at 8 o'clock - Present President, Vice President Corresponding and Recording Recretaries and Treasures, - and Mefor De Will Benn Henderson . M'Leman faller & Mi Loan minutes of last meeting were read and approved The Canvassing Commelter reported progress. The Concert Committee reported the result of the lake Concert with suggestions for the guidance of the Board an arranging future Concerts, and plated the nell priceeds to be £20, 34 The report was received and adopted -The Walsh Committee reported progress Through by McLeney recorded by m In Leman That the Walshe committee be instructed to ascertain the possibility of proving the afe for gass against M'Walshe and if possible, to place the age abonce in the hunds of a lagreer for collection. Troved by m'Campbell seconded by m'Henduson in amendment -That the Walshe Committee be instructed to sure In Walshe for the gas only provided to sues the association for damages amendment last - main mation carried The Finance Committee leport was laid over little next meeting -The Chairman of the Reading Room Committee reported, and advised that Frank Leslies Illustrated Paper, and an extra copy of the Evening Pilat be taken at the Ready Room -Theologe that the recommendation be complied with-The Letrary Committee advised the opening of a communication between the Chees and Reading

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through the room now occupied by me Resolved that the recommendation be adopted and samed enter effect a Communication was read from m. Rus declining to accept the office of Derection a letter evas also read from Res I & Wall regnesting the one of the Lecture Room for his church for Gundery only, at the rate of \$20 per amoun Moved by me Cleghon seconded by macamplele That the President be authorised to decide upon all applications for leasing the Lecture Room Mened in amendment by M. DeWilt seconded by M. Burn That the Chairmen of the Reading Room and Lecture Committees with the President be appointed a Lecture Room Committee with power li decide upon all applications for leasing the Licture Room amendment Lost - Main motion Carried M: Mederman hunded in a letter ungring his effice as a duela-Browed by m! De Will recended by Br Henderson send resolved, -That m. In Lemans letter of resignation be laid upon the lable until after the semi amus mired by M' Cheney recorded by Mr De With That the Lecture Committee be hereby instructed le ascertain at once whether dury Plone Blackwell can be engaged to decline before the association suring the coming spring is ansoner and if so at what time and upon what terms -

Browed in amendment by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. He eridenson

That it is beneath the degraly of this association to have any correspondence a enter enter any engagement with Lucy Pline or any other bediever of that sex -

amendment lest 2 ages 9 mays.

Main motion carried 9 ages 2 mays -

Buf Campbell and Henderson then gove notice that in consequence of the passage of this resolution they should immediately session their seals at the Bound

meeting adjourned to monday evening

& In Chency Vecelary

Monday april 27 1857

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this werning at Procedent. Present . Present , Vice President Corresponding and Recording Secretairies . Present Mathewase Mc Lean Brown Saller De Will and Mc Pherson

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a letter was then read from In Campbell resigning his

office as Treasurer

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Carried unanimously

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11 a statement of the affairs of the association, ever then readmoved by Mr Cleghorn seconded by Mr. Brown, and resolved. That the letter be referred to the President, for him to take such action thereon as may be necessary. The Report of the Finance Committee was laten up. and received. The Walshe Committee reported that no action had get been laken in that maller, as the Committee had decided to let it stand one until the 12 of May. a Ballat was taken to fill the vacancies on the Board carried by the resignation of the Treasure and two Duestos, which wentled as follows . vy:-De Brown (Duesta) was elected Treasurer and Imp. 112 mattice, R Parker, and Im Ross, ever elected Duelos The Sub Commiltees were requested to draw sep reports of their several departments, to be handed in on next Anday evening moned by m. Brown wounded by Br Broken, That the President be authoryed to have the rooms of the association, cleaned, in such morner so he may think fil. Carried Adjourned to Inday evening next 13 of May-& In Chency Viculary Friday May 18, 1857 Un adjourned meeting of the Board was held this

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at &'oclock. Present, President View President Res Secretary & Treasurer, and Myb. Satter & Parker Minutes of the last meeting were read and conformed

The Reports of the Riading Room, Class, Lecture, and Library Committees, were submitted, and received-The Finance Committee handed in a Report of the Rinances up to the 12 of april last which was referred buch, for completion to the 1th May enal. a bella was received from Mr. I M Ross, who doding accepting the affice of Dueston. Threed by In Clighorn secunded by InDeWill and That the Lecture Committee be instructed not to lake any action at present on the Resolution passed on the 20 & april last, relative to Lucy Stone Blackwell meeting then adjourned.

Em Cheney Ve custary

menday May 4 1857 a Regular Mentity meeting of the Board was held this evening in the Commeller Room at yockeck, -Present - President, Vice President, Corresponding and Recuding Lecularies & Treasurer & Bret Mallewson Parker De Will, In Lean, Stephens minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The President read a draft of a the half yearly Reput to be read before the association, at its semi annual meeting, which was received and adapted at 8,0'clock the Board adjoinmed to the Reading Room

where the members of the Association were assembled to receive the semi annual report of the Board, -

Eh Cheney Levelary

Monday May 43 1857 The Regular Lenni annual meeting of the onembers of the association was held this wening in the Reading Koom at & delock and had a large attendance of members. The President hovery called the meeting to order the Leculary read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were confumed -The President then gave a report of the present position and prospecto of the association, of the progress during the last six months, and of the labors of the Board since It's election to office, and stated the engagement entered into with the Rev Theodore Parker to lecture before the association, the also submitted the Resolution, relative to Lucy Stone, porsed by the Board on the 20 april, and regrested the action of the assert moved by & I Lyman seconded by Thatkins -That this meeting hoving heard the Reard of the proceedings of the Board of Direction of this association for the pash six months offer their thanks to the Board for the satisfactory position of the fenances and general management of its officers. but, would request the Board to annul the invitation which they may have extended to the Rea T Parker, to deliver bedies before the association, believing that his lecturing would not be satisfactory to the magarily of the association-Carried -Moved by Mr Chenton seconded by md I Lyman That the Board be instructed to inform Im Parker that they are not now at liberty to go on will the proposed engagement to lecture in montine Look-

Thoused by Bri & H Macauley excended by M. I. That this association regrets that the Board has seriously enterlained the proposition submitted at one of its meetings to invite mis ducy stone of Bloomeusen noticely to lecture under the auspiers of this Locally. and that this meeting dringly condemns the course laken by the Board in deciding to open a comsponer ence will one whose aduent among us under such circumstances would be calculated to inque the association in the eyes of the whole population of leanador mored in amendment by Mr. I Lewis reconded by m I Kingan "That this meeting does not deem it advisable to enter entir an engagement with mis Lucy Rlone to lective before this association, as contemplated by the Board -Amendment Cained, main motion lost moved by M! In Lemmen seconded by m mellog -That whereas the feelings of a large member of the members of this association were painfully affected by certain of the lectures delivered in this city during the past winted by the Rev John Lord, it is expedient that the present, and all feture Boards of Derestion should studently avoid binging on under the auspices of the association any lecture whose openions, if expressed in his lectures, are of such a nature as may give offence to any of the members, moned in amendment by In Lewis seconded by the I Walkins That all that part from "That" to "Per John Lord" in chasens be struck out motion curred as amended by Modernis meeting then adjourned 8 M Chenry

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That we the undersigned members of the Board of Direction, acting on, and in accordance with the often expressed wister of the members of this Association, here made the subject of getting the best and must emment men to deline between before the association one of especial importance, and whereas, in our endeavers to carry out this end we have thought fit and proper to envite among actors, the Rev Theodore Parker, to deliver, one or more lectures, believing that his lectures would be acceptable, not only to the members of the association, but also to a large portion of the Community- and whereas a resolution was passed at the last semi annual meeting of the Association, requesting the Board of Derection to annul the invitation so extended to the Rev Theodore Parker - Be it resolved, that in as much as me the undersegned Board of Develon, are of apinion that the resolution referred to, does not express the wishes of the mayorly of the members of the Association, that a general meeting of the said members be called, especially to consider the

action of the semi amual meeting with reference to this on alter, and the present action of the Board heren -This revolve is made by the underegred not only on the grounds above mentioned, but more particularly because the Revolution referred to, was passed on account of Religious and Theological lenets of the Rev Theodore Parker, a principle the undersigned cumul admit in connection with lectures upon reculus subjects, welland recording their dessent, it being at variance will the broad non-sectarian and non-theological character the association has hetherte acknowledged, and on which alone it can maintain a healthy existence, composed as it is of members of deferent nations, and of deferent religious and theological opinions -For there reasons, as well as recognizing in its said resolution, an expression of want of confedence in the Board of Ducclion - the undersigned do resolve to call a general meeting of the Cassociation, to obtain a fair expression of its openion, previous to adapting theonly allemative left them under the existing Resolution -(signed) R Thomas - Presch I Pbleghan. Vice Presch all of WF Candner Con Lect & M Chency Ree Lich-& W Stephens \ L Mathewson \ Derector

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37 Monday June 121857 a Regular monthly meeting of the Bound was held this evening at 8 olsch Present -President, Vice President Recording Liculary and Treasurer, and Met Stephens, Saller, Mathewson, Parker, & m Lean, The minutes of the last meeting were read and confumed. m. In Lemans letter of resignation being taken uf and considered, it was mored by M. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Saller and Resolved "That the Board regrets losing the valuable services of m. In Lennan, and that he finds et necessary to withdraw, but as he has expressed his determination to do so, they are under the necessity of deseptingshis" resignation -The President reported that the east of eleaning the Rooms would be about \$10.0.0 The Walshe Committee reported that howing made engineer, they find that there would be no use in sveing M. Walshe, as mothing could be recovered-The President reputed that the Lecture Room had been let to the methodist has Connection Church for Lundays only at the rake of \$25. paramen the Church having the forwelige of giving up the lease after giving one months notice -The Chairman of the Library Committee reported, and read a list of new books, and requested purmin to purchase them -Invien by Mrs bleghom recorded by In Saller and Resolved That the Report of the Ihrang Committee be recent and adopted and authority given them to

fourthere the books.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Tuesday June 23° 1857 a special onecting of the members of the association, called at the request of the Board of Derection, was held this evening at & o'clock, in the Reading Room, for the purpose of reconsidering the action of the association at the last semi-annual relative to lectures -The President having called the meeting to a der and explained the object, for which I had been called, read the resolution passed altespecial meeting of the Board held on the 223 May last, He then explained the position in which the late action of the association had placed the Board, and read all the cerespondence that had passed between it and the Restredue Parker relative to his engagement to bestone before the accounting mined by the Hon John young seconded by the Richard In acdumell -That a Lecturer religious or theological opinions on yet not to be a lest of qualification to lecture before this association, especially when the subject of the lecture is purely of a secular character. Thered in amendment by Mr. I I Iman seconded ly Br. Sames Tonance.

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lectiones are objectionable to many valuable members of the Association, and inasmuch as it is of the first importance to maintain union and harmony among the members, therefore he it resolved.

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That considering the action the Bound of Deraction home tothen toward me Parker, they be mus allowed to act as they think beat in the matter. at the same time this meeting thinks it admisable in future not to envisit gentlemen to leature before this association when apprisions are notinionally adverse to the great majority of Christians "- Look

In Lymans amendment was then put and carried hearly all the members of the Board frewent hovering tendened their surgnations, it was moved by Br. Cleghorn reunded by Mr. Chiese and, Tusalved.

That this meeting now adjourn to Munday werning overt, for the purpose of americaning

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

(Reported for the Montreal Gazette.)

A special meeting of the members of the Mercantile Library Association was held on Tuesday evening last, to take into consideration a resolution adopted at the semi-knnual meeting of the Association, relative to the engaging of lecturers. The meeting was a very large one, the spacious Hall of the Association being crowded.

The President of the Association, Mr. Richard Thomas, took the chair, and after calling the meeting to order, read the advertisement calling the meeting.

In reply to Mr. Theodore Lyman, the President stated that the meeting was not called on a requisition from the members of the Association, but by the Board.

The President proceeded to read the resolution to which reference was made; after which he read all the correspondence which had passed between him and the Rev. Theodore Parker, asking him to deliver a course of lectures before the Association in May, the remuneration to be at the rate of \$50 a lecture; a reply that his engagements would occupy his attention until the month of June; a letter to Mr. Parker, renewing the invitation and offer for the month of May or June; and a reply, written by Mrs. Parker, that indisposition would prevent his coming in May last, but that he could come in June. The President further stated that this meeting was called in order that the Board of Direction might ascertain the feeling of the Association on this questain the feeling of the Association on this question, believing that the resolution adopted at the late semi-annual meeting was not the opinion of the majority of the members of the Association. The Board had done everything to advance the interests of the Association; and the invitation to Theodore Parker was unanimously agreed to at the first meeting of the Board, and at the second meeting there was but one dissenting member, and his objections were not to the tenets of Theodore Parker, but because he did no think it would pay just now.

Hon. John Young:—How many members constitute the Board? and how many were present at the two meetings referred to?

Mr. Thomas:—The Board, properly speaking, comprised fifteen members; but as three had resigned, and the vacancies created thereby were

signed, and the vacancies created thereby were

not filled up, there were but twelve members on the Board; and of these, ten attended the first meeting referred to, and eight the second. The resigning members were Messrs. Baxter, McClellan, Henderson and Campbell, and these had resigned, with the exception of Mr. Campbell, because the duties of their office required more time than they could devote to it. Mr. Brown had been appointed Treasurer, thus leaving three vathan they could devote to it. Mr. Brown had been appointed Treasurer, thus leaving three vacancies on the Board. As an act of justice to Mr. Campbell, he would read that gentleman's letter of resignation.

Mr. Campbell did not ask the Chairman to

Mr. Campbell did not ask the Chairman to read it, nor did the meeting. (Laughter.)
Mr. Thomas thought the letter was in his possession, but he found that it was received after he was Corresponding Secretary, and, therefore, he was unable to read it, not having it. To proceed, however, the board had really engaged Theodore Parker. With Lucy Stone there was no engagement. The board, therefore, having entered into an engagement with Theodore Parker, it was for the Association now to say ker, it was for the Association now to say whether they would uphold them, or make them

rescind their engagement.

The Hon. John Young said:—They had now to decide a principle, and that was whether a man's theological opinions rendered him unfit to lecture before that Association. In order to test this he would propose a resolution to that effect. When that Association was first formed, members of all religious denominations, were they Epigeopalians. Baptists. Presbyterians. members of all religious denominations, were they Episcopalians, Baptists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Unitarians, Jews, Mormoos or Turks, were welcome to its folds. They mettor one common purpose on, fair and equal ground. He regretted that this meeting had been called to discuss this question, for if questions of religion were allowed to creep in, they would endanger it. This had been the pioneer of all the Mercantile Library Associations in the Province, and though it had done much good, he looked forward to the day when it would do even preater good. preater good.

Moved by the Hon. John Young, seconded by R. MacDonnell, Esq.:

That a lecturer's religious or theological opinions ought not to be a test of qualification to lecture before this Association, especially when the subject of the lecture is purely of a secular character.

Mr. S. J. Lyman said:—As the mover of the resolution adopted at the last semi-annual meet-

ing, and in consequence of which this meeting was called, he would offer a few remarks in explanation. He would repeat what he then stated, that the religious opinions of Theodore Parker had nothing to do with the question, but he was opposed to him, as rejecting the truth of revelation. The remarks he made were not so much his objections to Theodore Parker, as they were answers to questions put to him by friends of that gentleman. The question, as decided at last meeting was, that the Board had not represented the views and wishes of the Association in inviting Theodore Parker to lecture here. The Board then should have paused ere they called this special meeting. It was not necessary that Mr. Parker's religious views should be discussed, but they did come up. The point at issue was this:—that the invitation sent Theodore Parker by the Board was not in accordance with the wishes of the great majority of the members of the Association. As they had nothing to do with the religious opinions of Theodore Parker, but were met to consider the act of the Board in inviting him, he moved the following amendment to the motion proposed by the Hon. John Young.

Moved in amendment by S. J. Lyman, Esq., ing, and in consequence of which this meeting

Moved in amendment by S. J. Lyman, Esq., seconded by James Torrance, Esq.:

That all the words after "that" be erased, and the following substituted:—

That at the semi-annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association a resolution was passed by a large majority, affirming the inexpediency of engaging Mt. Theodore Parker to lecture under its auspices, and whereas it appears evident that his lectures are objectionable to many valuable members of the Association, and inasmuch as it is of the first importance to maintain union and

is of the first importance to maintain union and harmony among the members, therefore Resolved,—That the resolution passed at the semi-annual meeting in relation to Theodore Parker be now re-affirmed. That this Institution, while it disclaims any intention of repressing liberty of expression, but on the contrary regard such liberty as an invaluable blessing, claims the right of preserving harmony and union by excluding such lecturers as are well known to be offensive to a large portion of its members; that in the adoption of this resolution no discourtesy is intended towards the lecturer whose name has been mentioned, the only consideration being the preservation of that good consideration being the preservation of that good feeling and cordiality among the members, so es-sential to the welfare and prosperity of the Mer-cantile Libary Association.

Mr. Richard Macdonell said :- As Mr. Lyman did not object to Theodore Parker on account of out not object to Inecoure Parker on account of his religious opinions, he would ask in what then was Mr. Parker deficient? All he (the speaker) knew was that he (Mr. P.) was one of the most brilliant authors of American literature. It would be waste of time to comment on such a man; he was too well known to require it. If man; he was too went known to require it. It they laid aside their religious opinions, he could not see what were their objections to Mr. Parker. He had never read Mr. Parker's works, but he had read some of his speeches and orations, which he had never read Mr. Parker's works, but he had read some of his speeches and orations, which had excited the greatest admiration, and he was quite sure the citizens of Montreal would welcome such a man. If he introduced his religious views into his lectures, he (Mr. M.) would be one of the first to hiss him (hear, hear), and to communicate to him on his arrival that should he utter anything offensive, it would be resented. But there was another subject, and that was that the Board had a precedent, whether good or bad, in other Boards. They had no authority to enter into any contract without consulting the Association, but as they had a precedent, he did not think they had done wrong.

Mr. Winn said:—From the course adopted by the gentleman who had just sat down it was easy to see that he was a lawyer, as lawyers were well practiced in special pleading. He had spoken of toleration, peace and good will, but the very men who did so, were themselves firebrands, who sought every opportunity to kindle a flame of discord and create disunion. The course adopted by the board was, in his opinion,

brands, who sought every opportunity to kindle a flame of discord and create disunien. The course adopted by the board was, in his opinion, an unwise one. If the Association worked harmoniously, why seek to introduce a firebrand? If a member were to bring in a barrel of gunpowder, would not all cry out, "Kick him out"? Would any say, "Oh no apply a match"? (Laughter and applause.) To the motion made by the Hon. John Young there was no objection, save that it darkened and rendered obscure that which before was light and clear. Instead of doing the Association good they were doing it harm, for it Mr. Parker were brought here, members opposed to him would leave, and why then disturb the harmony prevailing? Would not the citizens be astonished at the fy—the madness of introducing a firebrand i... o their midst? Mr. Lyman's amendment had his cordial support. (Great applause.)

Mr. R. MacDonnell.—Mr Winn condemns a man bet re he is heard. Let him hear Mr. Parker before indemning him. The barrel of gunpowder that he speaks of has not arrived. It must be brought in before it can explode.

Mr. Campbell would ask Mr. MacDonnell whethe it be necessary in order that the strength of gunpowder be ascertained, that its effects be tried on our bodies? Haz Mr. Parker never been

whethe the necessary in order that the strength of cumpowder be ascertained, that its effects be tried on our bodies? Has Mr. Parker never been heard? Has he never opened his mouth?

Mr. Stethem—If they adopted the course laid down by Mr. Winn, which was not to do any-

thing which would meet with opposition, they would do nothing at all. The argument was a

very lame one. Mr. Watkins thought the course laid down by the board was not a proper one. Why should the board say "If Mr. Parker be not invited we'll have to resign"? The Association did not object to the manner in which its affairs had been object to the manner in which its affairs had been managed, but they objected to this action alone. By the By-Laws of the Association, they could not elect a new board before the annual meeting in December next, so that if they resigned they would leave the Association in a state of injury. If they were the friends of the Association, as they pretended to be, they would not now resign, but remain in office until the close of their term, when they could retire with dignity. They were elected to carry out the wishes of the Associatin, and therefore they were bound to be governed by them, and not be so captions. (Question.) The great question for them to decide was "Will Theodore Parker injure or benefit the Association"?

Associationⁿ? Hon. John Young had hoped the discussion would have been confined to the main motion, without an amendment having been offered. If without an amendment having been offered. If that amendment were carried, he would thereby understand that the majority were adverse to his motion. (No, no.) He hoped the discussion would be on the merits alone, and not be taken as a test of theological views. As the amend-ment had been made it required a few remarks. Who, he would ask, were the Directors of the Association? They are those who are elected at Association? They are those who are elected at the annual meeting to manage the affairs of the Association. With an anxious desire to forward Association: They are more who are excessed the annual meeting to manage the affairs of the Association. With an anxious desire to forward the interests of the Association, they had entered into an engagement with Mr. Theodore Parker to deliver a course of lectures. Well, at the semi-annual meeting a motion is carried rescinding this engagement. He would ask the gentlemen who were connected with the mercantile world whether it was fair to ask the board to rescind their contract? Now, who is this Theodore Parker? He was one of the bold thinkers of America. There was scarcely a work he (Mr. B) had written which he (Mr. Y.) had not read, and by which he had profited largely. Although he did not consent to the whole of Theodore Parker's doctrines, yet he found their general character beneficial to his mind. He (Mr. Y.) was very much mistaken if the very same parties who not long ago were prominent in inviting a lecturer to this city on religious subjects, and which caused scenes of sorrow in our city, were not the prime movers against Mr. Parker. He not the prime movers against Mr. Parker. He referred to the Gavazzi riot.

Mr. Lyman said that with respect to Gavazzi, he had had no more to do with his coming than

Mr. Lyman said that with respect to Gavazzi, he had had no more to do with his coming than Mr. Young. In fact, there was no one more utterly opposed to the coming of Gavazzi or any other fomentor of discord.

Mr. Young continued:—The Board did not engage Theodore Parker to lecture on religious questions, but solely on secular ones Theodore Parker was a man of most cultivated mind, and of purest character. He was respected whenever he went, although he met with opposition sometimes. Would the young men of Montreal join, then, in putting him down here? He hoped not. Every man whom the Board brought here should be received, and allowed to give expression to his opinions. If the conduct of the Board be unsatisfactory, let the Association show their disapprobation at the annual meeting by not returning them to office; but it would be very discourteous to the gentlemen now in office to seek to make them annul an agreement into which they had entered. It had been said that Theodore Parker was a firebrand. He would like to know how. It was true that on the question of know how. It was true that on the question of

slavery he had taken a bold stand; but let those who thought him (Mr. P.) a firebrand read his works and judge for themselves.

Mr. Campbell:—In reply to Mr. Young, he would say the Board were not infallible. If Mr. Young had a clerk in whom he had every confidence, but afterwards found out that he was dishonest, would he keep him on? The Board admitted they had madeno arrangement with Lucy dence, but afterwards found out that he was ushonest, would he keep him on? The Board admitted they had made no arrangement with Lucy Stone, and although they said that they had not fully settled with Theodore Parker, they now come like Unitarians, and tell us they have. But the contract is not closed; there is no bargain; the sale is not yet made. (Applause and laughter.) They were told Theodore Parker was a bold thinker; but he (Mr. C.) preferred a quiet thinker, and did not see why those who professed to love the Association should seek to disturb the prevailing good-feeling by introducing such a man as Theodore Parker.

Mr. Stephens:—They (the Board) did not try their lecturers by their religious opinions. They did not care about creeds or doctrines (hisses). That is the Gavazzi style of putting down arguments. If a man comes here to lecture, is he to be asked what is his religion? If a Persian came here to lecture on the habits of his mother country, is he to be rejected because his religious

try, is he to be rejected because his religious sentiments are different from ours? The Board had taken a noble stand (applause and laughter).
They were contending for a principle. The reason Board had called this meeting was that they believed that the resolution carried at the semi-

m nual meeting was done so by a sleight of hand If, however, the opinion then expressed were con-firmed, he thought the Board should consist of clergymen. The only standard by which the Board

selected its lecturers was that of respectability and talent. They met there on common ground. They had their churches to go to to discuss their religious creeds. They were guided by the posi-tion of men in the United States, which was the on'y place they could get lecturers. To shew tion of men in the United States, which was the on'y place they could get lecturers. To shew whether the Board had worked in the interest of the Association, he would say that when they took office the Association was £360 in debt. Now that debt was only £170. That they had the dearest interests of the Associan at heart was thus proved, for money was the dearest interest (langhter and applause). As to Theodore Parker, he could say that he had lectured before every institution in the United States, and given great satisfaction. If the members who were talking so bravely would only subscribe £170 (the amount of the debt), they would not want any lecturers. lecturers.

amount of the deot), they would not want any lecturers.

Mr. Thomas having left the Chair, which was taken by the Secretary, went on to review the who'e of the circumstances that related to the invitation extended to Rev. Theodore Parker. He stated that when he heard that Mr. P. was to deliver a lecture at Champlain, he thought it a favorable opportunity of getting him to visit Montreal and lecture. And with this view he brought it before a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, when a resolution was unanimously passed that an invitation be extended to him and an offer of fifty dollars per lecture be made. At this Board meeting not a breath of objection was raised against Mr. P. In accordance with this resolution a letter was sent Mr. P., and a reply received that his time would not admit of accepting it, being fully occupied until the middle of May. This was laid before a Board meeting, and a resolution passed that the invitation be renewed for May or June, that the invitation be renewed for May or June, which ever suited his own convenience. Again this was passed unanimously, with one dissenting on account of the time, fearing a lecture would not be remunerative so late in the season ing on account of the time, fearing a lecture would not be remunerative so late in the season as June,—but not a hreath was raised against Mr. P. at this meeting either. A letter was sent in accordance with this resolution, and the answer received was that Mr. P. was unwell and had been so for some time, but as soon as he was better he would write; this letter was written by Mrs. Parker. Mr. T., therefore, stated that so far as the Board was concerned not a single objection was offered to Mr. P. lecturing before the Association, (and now some of the very persons who sat at the Board and agreed in all that was done, come forward and condemn the Board for their acts.—Had they brought forward the objections on the Board, it is quite possible no invitation would have been sent.) The first objection Mr. T. heard was at the semi-annual meeting, after the report was read. Mr. S. J. Lyman first made quite a lengthy speech upon Mr. Theodore Parker's religious and theological opinions, commenting, as he conceived, in the most unfair manner. He then proposed the resolution which was passed at the semi-annual meeting, to the effect that the Board annul the invitation sent to Mr. Parker. Mr. T. here expressed his surprise and passed at the semi-annual meeting, to the effect that the Board annul the invitation sent to Mr. Parker. Mr. T. here expressed his surprise and astonishment at the manner in which several of the speakers met the subject this evening. It was not on account of his religious or theological the speakers met the subject this evening. It was not on account of his religious or theological opinions they wished to object to him, but because it was policy—because it was expedient they magnanimously repudiated the idea of rejecting him on account of his religious principles: and he was sorry to say that foremost among those who took this position was Mr. Lyman, although, with singular consistency, he understood him to say, at the commencement of his speech, that he objected to him because he did not believe in a revealed religion. This was the ground, and the true ground, upon which the resolution was passed at the semi-annual meeting. It was Mr. Parker's religious and theological opinions that formed the basis of the resolution, and it was most unfair to try and sbirk the matter now; but fortunately he had it In his power to prove that this was the case. Mr. T. had a letter in Mr. Lyman's own handwriting, which he would read, that would settle this part of the question.

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Mr. Lyman :me injustice.

he would read, that would settle this part of the question.

Mr. Lyman:—It is very unfair—you are doing me injustice. You are at liberty to read the letter, but it is addressed to you privately.

Mr. T. continued:—The letter is addressed to me officially, or I would not have alluded to it. Still, if Mr. Lyman objects, I will not read it. (Several calls: "Read it, read it.") Mr. T. did not wish to do Mr. Lyman any injustice, or break faith in any way; but as the letter was an official document, and as it was most important to fix the responsibility of the introduction of a religious element into this Association, and the results that have flowed therefrom, on the proper party, Mr. T. thought that in justice to himself and the Board he ought to read the letter. Mr. T. then read Mr. Lyman's letter, which he considered settled the question that the objection to Mr. Parker was on account of his theological opinions. Mr. Thomas considered that this was conclusive—that the responsibility of introducing this religious discussion rested on the mover of the motion and its supporters at the semi-annual meeting, and not on the Board, as was most ungenerously and unfairly stated. Mr. T. continued:—When this Board was elected into office, they had special instructions left them to use their best endeavors Board was elected into office, they had special instructions left them to use their best endeavors to ask the most learned men to lecture before the

Association—men whom people would be glad to see as well as to hear. Now, in their endeavors to carry out this instruction, were they to stop to enquire what were a man's religious opinions before he was to be invited? No! The Board have precedents to show that this is the first time a question of this kind has been raised. We have had men of all denominations to lecture before the Association; and the most successful course of lectures that were ever delivered was by Mr. Emerson, a gentleman whose religious opinions are identical with those of Mr. Parker. The Association not only approved of the action opinions are identical with those of Mr. Farker. The Association not only approved of the action of the Board in inviting, but at the annual meeting passed most complimentary resolutions to Mr. Emerson. With these facts before them, they could not see with what consistency the present board can be found fault with. The present positing of the members was called be present board can be found fault with. The present meeting of the members was called, be-cause the Board conceived that the principle of trying a man's qualifications to lecture by a reli-gious test was one that would prove most prejugious test was one that would prove most prejudicial to the interests of the Association, and introduce an element that it would be hard to get rid of. Several persons objected to Mr. Lord's lectures, and many persons were much affected by some of the statements he put forth; and there was a resolution actually on record, to the effect that the Board be censured for introducing a lecturer that would so wound the feelings of many of his audience. He (Mr. T.) did not like himself many of the statements made by Mr. Lord. or the manner in which these statements Lord, or the manner in which these statements were made. Nevertheless he would be sorry to be deprived of the privilege of listening to him, or any other lecturer of equal ability, simply because he did not like all he said. If this element of a religious test is to be admitted, there is no telling where it is to rest—one party will object to one lecturer, and another to another; and the upshot will be that in order to preserve harmony we shall have no lecturer at all. For harmony we shall have no lecturer at all. For this reason the Board have brought the matter up, in hope of having it settled, that members may know when they join this Association that their peculiar theological views are not to be advanced at its meetings, as the association is composed of members of different theological opinions; and it is only by establishing this principle that harmony and good feeling can prevail. Another reason why the Board have brought up this matter again is because they thought to act in accordance with the resolution would be dishonorable and dishonest. They were in honor bound to carry out the enwould be dishonorable and dishonest. They were in honor bound to carry out the engagement they had made. A special offer had been made to Mr. Theodore Parker, covering two months of time; and his acceptance bound them to carry out their offer. To annul the offer, after making it, would be dishonorable—nay, dishonest. Supposing the Board would quietly annul the invitation, and retain office in peace, as has been held they should now do, what position would it place them in as an Association in relation to lectures? Why, just this—that no lecturer would accept invitation from the Board, if he would even answer it, there being good reaif he would even answer it, there being good rea-son that he could not tell but that it might be annulled as soon as accepted. Had the Board of Direction quietly complied with the action of of Direction quietly complied with the action of the semi-annual meeting, and revoked an engage-ment they had entered into, and allowed this to pass as a precedent, they would have met the scoffs and sneers of every young man of this As-sociation. He concluded by stating that what-ever might be the decision of this meeting, he would not the less remain its steadfast friend; but he could not, in justice to himself, retain office, while he felt that he could not do so with a proper regard to his own self-respect, as his duty to himself in this respect was not second to duty to himself in this respect was not second to that of the Association.

Mr. Kingan made some remarks in support of the Board, and commented severely on the (to him) inconsistency of the speakers on the opposite side.

ed by A. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Stethem, in amendment to Mr. Lyman's boved by A. amendment:

amendment:

That considering the action the Board of Direction have taken towards Mr. Parker, that they be allowed to act as they think best in the matter, at the same time this meeting think it advisable in future not to invite gentlemen to lecture before this Association whose opinions are notoriously adverse to the great majority of Christians. Lost.

Several remarks were then made by other gen.

tlemen, but our reporter could not hear them, as

there was a great noise.

Mr Lyman's motion in amendment was then put and carried by an overwhelming majority.

The President then, in a courteous manner, thanked them for having elected him to office, but stated that under the circumstances he was obliged to place his resignation in their hands.

but stated that under the circumstances he was obliged to place his resignation in their hands. Nearly all the members of the Board that were present also tendered their resignations.

After a good deal of discussion among the members as to the course to be adopted, the meeting adjourned at about 12 o'clock.

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En Cheney Restendary

A special oneiting of the Bound was held this evening at 8 o'click. Present, President Orice Busch Corresponding and Recording Lecretaries and Treasurer and Press Matheman, Parker and Mexican.

The minute of the last special meeting were read and confirmed.

Offer a long conversation relative to the proposety of felling the present occancers on the Board, before to next meeting of the Acceptation, which resulted in a decision to the contrary, without a motion. It was more of by the Cleghom seconded by the Parker and Resolved

That the meeting now adjourn to Monday evening nech at half past seven o'clock -

& In Chency -

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at half past y o'clock Present. President New Park Corresponding and Recording Searchards and Trasserer and Trasserer and Messer Stephen Parker. Deposite Salli Mc Lean of Machineson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and

The Board then adjourned to the Reading Room, I much again in the Committee Room at the conclusion of the general

meeting of the according agreement to this evening

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Last Zum A Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held on Monday evening, pursuant to d by In Clase seconded by adjournment, at the rooms of the Association in the Odd Fellows Hall. The President, Mr. R. Thomas, having taken us alued the Chair and opened the meeting, proceeded to state that in the interval which had elapsed since 4 an, PD Brown and R Parker the last meeting, he had obtained the opinion of the legal gentlemen to whom he had referred the question of the power of the Association with to retire and prepare a lest of many regard to the appointment of a new Board. Their opinion was to this effect: that the Association and shall elect four to file the upon the resignation of the Board of Directors had the power to appoint a new Board, but that the act of resigning and leaving the Association without a Board of Directors was an illegal one, for which the resigning Directors must be personally answerable in case of any damage ving returned thatty returned occurring. Under these circumstances, the Board had concluded to retain office until provision was made for the proper appointment of their successors. But that after the difference which to following names - ois had occurred between the Association and the Board, the latter had considered it proper that the Association should take upon themselves the responsibility of selecting such persons as should be desirable, whom the Board would then proceed to appoint, or as there were four vacancies to be filled up in the Board, these could be filled by persons selected by the Association, and would with the two members who did not contemplate resigning their seats, form a quorum who might proceed to fill up the seats vacated by the retirement of the present Directors. He therefore requested the Association to make such a selection or take such other action in the matter as they should deem proper.

Mr. Watkins made some remarks objecting to the arrangement. He wished the present Board to continue, as there had been no vote of a want of confidence in them.

Mr. Campbell enquired who had resigned.

The President having replied:—R. Thomas, President; J. P. Cleghorn, Vice-President; W. F. Gardner, Corresponding Secretary; E. M. Cheney, Recording Secretary; J. DeWitt, Jr., G. W. Stephens, Wm. Salter, L. Mathewson, J. McLean, Directors, being all but two members of the Board;

Vir. P. D. Brown rose and said that, as one of the two members who did not resign he would had occurred between the Association and the Board, the latter had considered it proper that onverse, Wil blace, - Grenton See IN Blair, R & Dennell, a a Wall_ a Wall, declined their nomination nton seconded by Mi & I Lyman ig, while regretting that a difference me occurred between the magnity a the Board of Direction, respecting of the Board;

Mr. P. D. Brown rose and said that, as one of
the two members who did not resign, he would
explain that he did not feel called upon to do so,
as his sympathies had all along been with the
Association, and not with the course pursued by
the Board. Moreover, that he felt bound to state,
and he could do so without egotism, having been
but lately appointed a director, that a more
active and more useful Board of Directors had
never presided over the affairs of the Association Rev Theodore Parker, on account of rides it necessary to reagn; 1 the association to the Bound for active and more useful Board of Directors had never presided over the affairs of the Association than those about to resign; that they had found the institution oppressed with a considerable debt, which, by their untiring zeal and energy, they had succeeded in reducing nearly 60 per cent, and that they deserved the gratitude of the Association. he manner in which it has c affairs of the association they had succeeded in reducing nearly 60 per cent, and that they deserved the gratitude of the Association.

Mr. R. Parker, as the other member who had not resigned, said that from the outset he had opposed the resolution by which the Board had agreed to stand or fall, and in consequence should not feel called on to resign his seat.

After some conversation upon the mode to be pursued in appointing the new Board, in the course of which it was suggested that the Association should not interfere with the duties of the Board in filling up vacancies which occurred in that body, it was agreed that, out of delicacy and consideration for the desire of the Board to be free from the responsibility of choosing their successors, their suggestion should be acted upon,—and on motion of Mr. Clare, seconded by Mr. Grinton, a commmittee, consisting of Messrs. S. J. Lyman, P. D. Brown and R. Parker, was appointed to select a list of members from which the Board should proceed to fill the vacancies. The committee, after retiring for a short space, returned with a list containing the ollowing names:—

Jas. Hingston, W. Converse, W. H. Clare, Geo. Childs, D. H. Blair, J. Grant, W. Grinton, A. A. Watt, R. Macdonnell.

Messrs. Macdonnell and Watt declined the nomination, and their names were withdrawn.

It was then proposed by Mr. Grinton, seconded by Mr. S. J. Lyman, and carried nem con,—That this meeting, while regretting that a difference of opinion between the Board and a majority of the Association respecting the invitation to the Rev. Theodore Parker to lecture, in consequence of which the members of the Board (with two exceptions) have deemed it their duty to offer their resignation, tender the thanks of the Association to the Roard for the able and energetic finance in which they have conducted the general affairs adjourned & In Chency Secretary nday Jene 29 8 1857 I of the general meeting of the I hoving again assembled in the was moved by Mr. Cleghorn Il and resoluced he instructed to prepare an exact at position of the ameration xt and to submit the came to the Board for the able and energetic manner in which they have conducted the general affairs of the Association.

The President having thanked the Association, the meeting adjourned. their confirmation; sand report Board on Inday evening

41 Un adjourned onceling association was held this Room at & velock The President having elated that he had obtained the power of the Board to a to elect a new one which the association whom the use had the power to appoint act of usigning and leave a Board of Derectus was the resigning members one in case of any damage a that the present Board hool in affice until provision election of them successes as vacancies on the Board, as the two offers who did no a grown sufficient to fell about to be caused by the reguested the meeting to should be elicted by the 10 as the Board did not wish to take the Her Stated that the office were as fallows - vig. H Thomas I Plleghon NV. Candne Con & In Chency I Do Will 9: & Wolfhers Mr Saller I Milean L' markewson The two who retained office were De

It was then moved by In Clase seconded by Im Sletham and resolved That Thep: I Sayman, PD Brown and Il Parker form a Committee to retire and prepare a lest of many from which the Board shall elect four to file the present vacancies -. The Committee howing returned shutty returned and handed in the following names - us -Ias Hengston, Whonverse, WH blace, - Grenton bee Childs I Grant, DW Blair, M. M. Dennell, aa Wall_ hep. In Donnell and Wall, declined their nominationmoved by Mr. Grentin seconded by Mid I Lyman and Kesolved -That this meeting, while regretting that a difference of aprinion should have occurred between the magnity of the association and the Brand of Direction, respecting the invitation to the Rev Theodore Parker, on account of which the Bound consider it necessary to reagn; tenders the thanks of the association to the Bound for the able and energetic manner in which it has managed the general offairs of the association -The meeting then adjourned -& In Chency Searlary -Monday June 29 8 1857 at the adjournment of the general meeting of the association, the Board hoving again assembled in the Commelle Hom - it was moved by Mr. Cleghorn seconded by m. De Will and resolved -That the Treasurer be enstructed to prepare an exact Hatement of the financial position of the american. up to the 1st I rely west, and to submit the same to the auditors for their confirmation; said report to be referred to the Board on Friday evening

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& In Cherry >

Ariday Inly 3 1857
An adjourned meeting of the Board was held
this evening at 8 o'clock Present, President Orice
President Corresponding Leculary Recording Lech4 Treasure Buf Stephens, Mathewson, De Wilt
Motherson

The minutes of the lash meeting were read

a letter was read from IR Montgomery offering to deliver a course of bectures before the association, and laid on the table

The Chairman of the Lebrary Committee handed in the minute book of that Committee, which certained a full report of the precedings to the precedings to

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a ballah hoving been taken to fill the three vacancies on the Board, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected - vij

n Robbare & Grant. & Grenton.

The Treasure handed in a duly audited repart of the Finances of the association to the report of the Finances of the association to the hand on that date, of £44.9.11. above a regular statement of the outstanding dobts of the Association, showing the amount due when the present Board cume into office on the 1"Die lash, £378.12.3. and the amount cine liquidated & bisides the current expenses

of the association to date) £ 214.17.10 - leaving a balance due of only & 163.14.5. He also reported, Roving faid (since the above report evas drawn up, a disputed claim of the mechanies Institute amounting to £20, for the sum of £12.10.0 , taken from the bolance of cush on hand on the 1st ensh (£44.7.11) The Report was received and adopted. Tresolved unanimously, that the published reports of the last special and adjourned meetings of the members of the association, as contained both in the Herald and Guzelle be pasted into the respective minutes of those meetings -The meeting their adjourned 6 m Chency The Secretary -Monday July 6" 1857 a Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Durction was held this evening at 2 o'clock Present President . Vice President Consepending Levelary Recording Lecretary and Treasurer, & Mess: Mathewson In Lean Salter Parker, Clave Grant and Grinton -The minutes of the last meeting were read and conformed The following letter of resignation, was then thanded in ley the ten members of the Board who had prevensly announced their intention of resigning in consequence of the decession of the association, at the last special meeting of its members, relative to the relation of bectures Caper "We the emdersigned members of the Rand

of Derection of the Mercantite Selvary According to Deep hereby to resign the suspective officers more pelled by us, and this we do because of the second of the special general meeting of the 25 "Some 1857, which, as me undustand it, affirms "the principle that a becturer religious a theological openious should form a lest of greatification to betwee before this accreation, even when the "embject of the becture is privily of a securious "character, and which requires us to revoke an "involation extended by us, in the regular way, to "the Rev Theodore Parker to becture before this

(Signed -)

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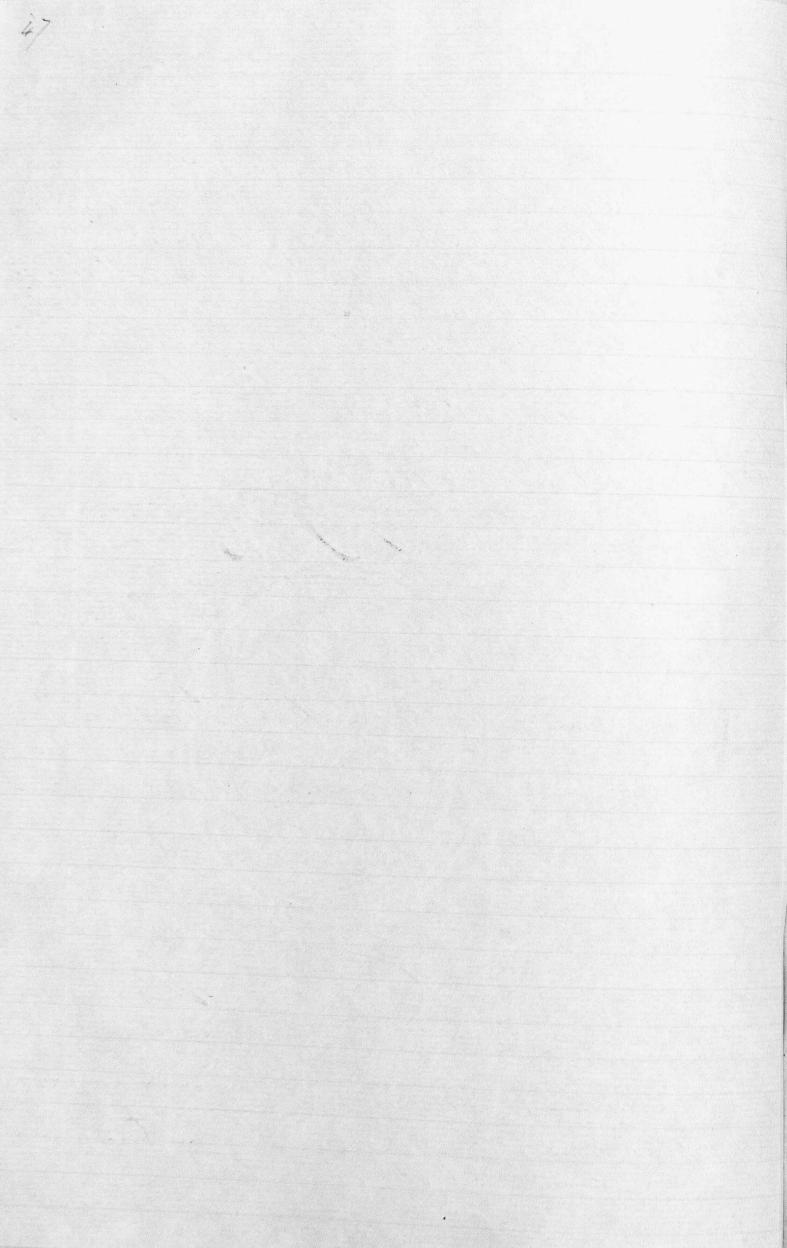
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"That the resignation of the above Officers and Develors, as now tendened, be accepted -"
The Thomas having explained to the new Develors, the general state of affairs relating to the Acceptation, together with the various plans for its improvement already commenced, a decided upon by the late Thomas left the Chair, and with the other Affairs and Develor with the other

We, the undersigned hambers of the Roard of Direction of the Mercaulile Library Usso-ciations, beg hereby to resign the respective offices now filled by us. And this we do breause of the result of the Special general heeting of the 23 de June 1857, which, as we understand it, affirms the principle that a lecturer's religious or theological opinions should form a test of qualification to beture before this association, Even when the Subject of the lecture is purely of a Secular Character; and which requires us to looke an invitation Estanded by us, in the regular way, to the Rev? Theodore Parker to lecture before this Institution Thomas President 1. Polyhorn T. Preydent M. F. Sairdner Cor. Leeg. 6. M. Chenry Ree Seely Amellackhenson Lavens markeusen. Sucul Shirth Alle Maleur William Salter. Amthe Shef 6th 1857



withdrew from the Board of Direction - and left the room.

E.M. Cheney Re Secretary -

After the vacation of office by the Old Board, the following gentlemen of the New Proard resumed the business of the Evening Present

G. Grinton Esquire
R. P. Parker "
P. D. Prown "
W. H. Clair "
E. Grant "

. The following motion was then proposed by G. Epinton seconded by R. P. Parker and Carried -

"That Mr P. D. Brown occupied the chair and
"Mr E. Grant discharge the auties of Licretary
"tile Officers be election to file these two Vacancies"
We Brown wrozed whom the meeting the necessity of imme =
diately electing the new Officers of the Institution, and filling

after Some discussion the following gentlemen were chosen to file up the vacancies on the Board, clusions Sache_ Lyman_ Childs_ Plair - & Converse.

up the vacancies on the Board of Direction.

The Secretary Pro. Tem. was instructed to notify the above named quitemen of their Election to Office.

The Chairman then adjame the meeting.

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Tuesday . July y 1857

As a special meeting of the Board.

Brown Esquire (in the chair) 6. Grant " (Sut # P.T.)

G. Crinton "

I. J. Lyman "

R. P. Parker "

D. W. Blair "

W. H. Clair "

G. Childs ..

The hisiness of the meeting was opened by the Secretary Pro. Tem. reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were remained to be amended in conformitely with the late decesarifs (E.M. Cheney) report of the first hair of the proceedings of the last meeting.

detters from hess & Blair-Childs - + Clair, Containing their acceptance of Office were read by the Seculary P.P.

- after some Oiscussion about the election of Officers the following motion was hur hy ma clair - seconder by his Chieds & Parried

> "That the meeting proceed as once to fell "up all the Vacancies on the present "Bond"

Me Grant was requested to act as Scrutimer.

The Prallet was then taken and the following Officers declared Duly elected.

3. 9: Lyman - President

P.D. Brown _ Vice President

E. Grant - Recording Secretary

Mr. H. Clair - Corresponding do

R.P. Rarker - Treasurer

The following gentlemen were pelectip to fil the Vacancies on the "Board" hees & Tretten - May-Anordon - English - Lowson - 4 Hingston.

Un Brown real a letter from the Chaviman of the late Library Committee containing an order on the Super= intendent for the Balance of funds (5 q "2" 11) belonging to the Library.

She meeting then acijournes.

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July 9th 1859. Ww special meeting of the Board of Direction -Present . S . J. Lyman Esquire President

P. D. Brown .. Vie Pres. W. Ho. Clair .. Cor. Lec.

E. Grant " Rec. do.

G. Grinton "

J. Louson. "

Senglish "Foare".

G. Chembers of the "Foare".

D. W. Plair ...

The mimitts of the last meeting were reac and confirmed. Letters of refusal to hold office were read by the Levelary from hess ? Sache may . Stethem & Inowdow, and of ac = ceptance from mr Loudon.

Mr Lyman then informed the meeting of his inability to fill the Office of Chairman to the association, on his resignation a fresh ballot for President was Faren, and In P.D. Brown was unanimously elected, the office of Vice Pres. was then

ballotted for and Mr Lyman was elected to fill that Office. The vacancies on the Board were filled by the following Gentlemen. Mess V. J. Prown, A. Robertson, N. L. morris

& W. H. Laques.

It was then moved by Mr. Grinton ~ seconcer by surfrant and carried -

"That the borresponding Secretary proceed "to inform Mr. Parker, that his beching under the auspices of this association -"would not be agreable to the majority of "its members"

There being no further business the meeting them adjourned.

Etwardfraut Rec. Sectif.

July 16th 1857.

At a special meeting of "The Board"

Present . W. St. Clair Esgr

E. Grant "

G. Grinton "

J. S. Brown "

J. English ,

W. H. Jacqued ..

G. may "

G. Chilas ..

In the absence of the President & Vice President elv. Clair rook the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting were read & approved. eler May Dignified his willingness to accept Office.

Mr. Clair read a list of the Gentlemen approinted to the several Committees, which were as follows.

Tibrary - Mess & S. J. Lymon - E. Grant - S. English. Reading Room - " G. Grinton - I Hingston - W. H Dagues. Leeture Room " W. H. Clair - I. S. Lyman _ V. S. Brown Finance R. Prarker _ D. W. Polair - G. May.

Class Souson - 1+. L. Morris - G. Chilos.

and with the Change of G. Chieds going on the Class and Is way on the I mance the appointments were confirmed.

The bopy of the letter to be sent to theodore Parker was read and approved - a vote of thanks given to Mr. R. Parker for his occeptable presur of Pooks. He meeting then abjourned.

Edward Frank Rec Sectify

August 3rd 1857.

Of the regular mouthly meeting of the Broard. Present. P. D. Brown . Ing. Tres.

S. S. Lyman "Vice Pres. E. Grant "Rec. Lec. P. Parker " Treasurer.

G. Grinton ..

M. H. Lagues ..

J. S. Prown ..

& W. Pslair "

S. English .

G. Childs ..

The minister of the last meeting were read and approved Mr. London's letter of resignation was accepted.

Mr. Clair's communication to Theodore Parker, stating that this Institution found it impossible to hear him Secture at present was baid before the Board. Some general business for the most part having reference to the letting of the associations vacant rooms was gone into. The Reports of the Various Goon = mittees were then brought forward, and were as follows.

The Library & ommittee reported progress, stating their intention of thoroughly revising the Library, throwing out allist of Prooks subject to the approval of the Board, and

finally of making a New Catalogue.

The Reading Room Committee presented a very full report which was unanimously adopted, as it comprised several important Changed for the benefit of the Institution, The following

motion was then put buy mr. I. S. Lymany "That the Report of the Reading see by De Blair 3 Room Committee be received and carried 3" and adopted, and that the-" thanks of the Board be given to that Committee for the said Report" The Lecture Committee likewise Reported progress. The question of Sectured was discussed at some i length - it was finally resolved to leave the whole affair in the Committee's own hands, The Dinance & Treasurers Reports were then readthe Committee regretted to state that the funds of the Institution were not in a very promising Condition - In Parker (chairman of Finance Com ") called the attention of the meeting to a project, which he thought would add very considerabley to the funds of the Institution, voz- That of inducing the different gentlemen of clientreal lits neighbourhoon to lend their Pretures with a view to the establish. ment of a Picture Galley during the period of the ensuing Letterauf Convention at montreal_ The idea was thought to be advantageous to be Interests of the Institution of the following motion was put by me Grant seconded by his Grinton Gearnied " Har Mr. Parker's suggestion relatwo to the formation of a Picture Galley be adopted of the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee for that Turpose hos n Parker 3. S. Brown, L. Lyman, J. English with power to add to their number the meeting then ad-Journed to Wednesday August 5th Sward raur Rewsecty

(maynet 3 " 1857 at the afformed meeting of the 100 and. Tresent - P.D. Brown Ergr Thes. I. I Signan "V. Tres. E. Grant "Free Sec. (R. Parker "Treas. G. Grinton " -N. Ho. Jaquel " -G. may . -J. S. Thrown, The minutes of last meeting were read , approved. In consequence of hainess m. Lonson gave in his re = eignation, & m. L. E. Dawson was unanimously elected to the vacancey. The details of the Preture Gallery were then gone into, Committee were elected to discharge the diffe = aux departments of business - y a list of names of gentlemen, who were willing to allow us the use of their Fretures. The meeting them separated. Edward Frank Revdeety. Chiquet 22. 1857. as a special meeting of the Board Present P. D. Brown Ever Pres S. S. English " V. Pres. W. H. Jagus " ly. Childs " ly. mary " In consequence of the absence of the Scentary.

575 minutes of the last meeting were not read.

It dawson being too much engaged otherwise, declined to accept Office - mr. I Burns was elected in his-The Committee of the Gallery of haritings - handed in a report, stating their probable expenditure at £160, & their receipts at £140. It was then moved by G. may. See. by & J. Syman & Carried. & Carried of the Pictures, and request an extension of time to return their pictures. It was then moved & seconded by the same Gentlemen & Carried. That this Board would suggest to the Picture Committee, should the receive permission to retain the pictured) that they continue the whition for the Co = ming week, & then close it, if avrisable, his reopen it during the Provincial Schiltion: The following motion was then put by Mr. English be. by m. Childs. grannid. Professor Ramsay with a view to his lecturing before this Institution. The meeting was then adjourned.

(00) George May. See. Pro Tem this Institution. Hvardfraur Rev Seu.

Deplember 9th 1837 at the regular monthly meeting of the "Poare" -Present. W. H. Clair Esgr. Hear. Lee. E. Grant, Ree dec. Pl. Parker, Freas. S. S. Morris " d. Stengaton, G. may " ly. Grenton, Oling to the absence of the President & Vice President the Chair was taken by my Clair. The minutes of the - last two meetings were read & confirmed. Various letters and pland on the subject of Sectures were viscussed, Mr. Grant laid Dome business relative to the Sitrant before the meeting, it was however judged best to leave the business relative to Sectures & the Sitrary in the hands of their respective Committees - The fettlement of the Preture Gallery business was referred sowing to a member of accounts not daving Come in. The fround " then adjourned. Awarogrant Rec. Sec. September 29th 1857 Av a special meeting of the Board.

Fresent - P.S. Brown Eggs
Elgrant ". Pris. Red. Sect. W. 4. Jagues. g. Gunton.
D. W. Blai ..
G. Childs. The mimited of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following motion was fut by mr. Grinton See. by m. Laques Harried. "That reports from the various Committees be brought before the Board of birectors at their next meeting viz low monday Och 5th The Secretary was then instructed to notify several Gentlemen that in local of their not liquidating their dues to the Institution, they would lose their privileges as members within one month from There being no further hisiness the meeting acjourned. the notification. Choard Front Policher. October 5 " 1837 Orth regular monthly meeting of the 1 Board Fresur - P. D. Brown . Psq Pres. II. Syman " OPres. W. H. Clair " Cor. Lee. D. Burns " d. W. Blair " G. may " Mr. Brown on behalf of the Finaire Committee W. H. Jaques " reported that owing to his not having been able to obtain from the Freesurer a certain account he was unable definitely to State the Oebes due trythe association, but as really as possible to be Es = timated they wer & 250 without any assets to liquidate them with the Exception of a few Subscriptions due by members of the Institution. The Secture Committee's report was as follows

The Lecture 6 Ommittee regret to report that in Consequence " of the failure of me arthur Gilman through ele heath to "lecture at the time agreed of the small attendance on my Heorghs Secture their attempt to provide interfacement ? "enstruction for the large numbers of tranges who were fresent " during the Provincial Exhibition has presulted in loss " Noth association" "The Committee however / ucommend that the Devices " of twelve of the best Secturers be secure for a wruter -Course & to avoid the possibility of Loss to the asso = "ciation from this underta Ring 300 tie Rets for the -"Course be issued (afs. oo single, \$\$5.00. for Lady "Aljeulleman these (viz 300) tiekers to be vistosee of " before arrangements be finally Concluded with the "Secturers".
"I Montreal Oct. 5 # 1837 _ (50) J Syman"

Of was then moved by my may seconded by my splain That Each member of the Committee befournished with a pass book & be frequested to procure subscribus to the -"Declines" this motion was carried -It was then moven by In Lyman Deconder by mr. Jaques & Carried "That the finance Committee do obtain from -"the Inferintendeur a Complete Sist of all members who " are in arrears, & that the Dame be presented as nege meeting. The meeting their Carjonnes. Award raus . Rec. Hee. M. La.

(cf. 15 a 1837 Cer a Special meeting of the Board Present PDBrown Egg Pus. E. Grant " Reebea. I. Huigston " & Burns " G. Chilas " Songlish " & WBlair " WH. Jaques " J. Ayman " O.Pres. D. S. Brown, The minutes of the two last meetings were read of Confirmed. Ste President then reported that he would more himself responsible for 40 tickets to the approaching Course of Sectures. & President for 61. Mr. Childs 4. Mr. Burns . 5. Mr. Blair 41 Mr English 8. methingston 20. dagues 6. m. Gruiton 10 The following motion was then put by modernan Deconde by mobiles & carried, That the -" Subject of Finance be left in the hands ofthat Committee with Instructions to requeiate a loan of £30 for "Dix mouths on the best terms for the purpose of Aiguidating the Claimes for lear yother foets" It was then mow by mobiglish Deemed & moBurns y Carried "Ror the Seeture Committee be authorized to Delect persons to Ochver a course of tweloc -Sectures from the Sier in possession of ma flare" The meeting thour acjourno Coe da.

november 2 3 1837 - at the monthly meeting, Presur-I. J. Lyman " Bres. ASI, Blair " Corder. & Graur ". De No. . & hBlair " Parker " Treas G. Childs " WH. Jaques. The minutes of last meeting were read & confarmer. The proposed linter Course of Lectures was then dis = Cussed, mr. 6 lair stating that Engagements hardaheady been Entered wite with Several Emineur -Sectures, It was then moved by my may, se = conded by mr. Jaques & Carrier, "That the Corres = ponding Decretary be authorised to write to min Melville asking him to change his subject, its not being popular & secure his Services for \$50 et possible for December 10 # 1837. The following motion was their put by ma Parker se = conver by flair & carried, "That the thanks of this " Board be presented to my Romas for his liberality In allowing us the use of Bonaventure Hall of the proposes of one Shiptin of Occlares " Some discussion then took place regarding the letting of the Concert Room which was settled by the follourne motion fut by Mr. Clair seconder by m. Parker granice " The mr. Poroun be cutto = " insed to let the Concert Room on the best " passible terms " a communication from the reperintendent was then read informing

the Board that a present of Books law beau received from meson, Teaveright & dyman a vote of thanks bothere Guttemen ans accordingly put by my Grant secondaly my bhilds & carried. Ouring tothe rear approach of the annual meeting & the heas of business it was moved by m. blair se= Conder by my Heigston "That the Board -"Too meet lovey Inniday Evening from-"heweforth untile the annual meeting" Shi motion was carried. The meeting then adjourned. Redre. Cer a Sheeid meeting ofthe Board Present P. D. Brown Eor Pres. I Odyman " Hes. MAt. Care, Cordec. R. Parker " I. Heingolon " W. H Dapus " I L mornis " G. may. 61. Bruns The minutes of last meeting were read Vapproved. millaie then made his reports on the pregress of the contemplated course of Sections. The President read his praft of the annual report, which ares approved, mess & Soman & Japus ota. to they would have their respective reports of the Sitracy & new from

ready for the approval of the Board at the nest meeting. The President then stated What he had called upon my Hose I.b. of effected the loan of £ 45 - on a note of Eightmouths - Sol following motion was then put by mr. Hugston seconda by m. Vyman & unanimumsly Carried "That the thanks of this association are pue gave herely unammonsly " tendered to John Xose Esgs for the loan of " £ 45 cf for Eight months for the purposes of " this association, 3 that the Corresponding Se= " cutain be requested to Communicate the " Came" the following motion was then but b, In. Clave seconder by mi Huiston year = rice "Lat the reading room Committee be an = thoused to agage a person to cawass the aly for the purpose of procuring new members for the association of that a commission of 50% her allowed for such service - The President their informed the meeting that he had rented the romi off the Secture Room to my Locke the hanter, my Clace was authorised to procure -"Stamlow on Chess Plaining" & blace it tou the Ches doon The meetity there adjourned Elwardfrau Ree See.

November 16th 1837

av the Special meeting of the Board
Present. P. & Brown Egg. Fres.

I Syrnam " Plus.

W St. Clave "Horber.

Rear Esgr Treas. I thingston "
With Daques " - G may " I. Burns "

L'English " -G. Childs " Fol. Brown " DuBlair . of I diversion, The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed. In Clare then proceeded with his report on the Vectures defferent were sear from Sectures & e & c. The new Koom report was then read by my Jaques & confirmed. It was there moved by In Parker & seconded by modyman" That a vote of "thank's to my wood be inserted in the minutes to -"myrood for Refing the Clock in order" The Silvany Report was then read by Myman. Some suggestion of Imbarker's tulative tothe proture Galley business were apoptio. It was then moved by Mr. Clare, Deconded by M. Jaques & Carried "That the Reading room Committee be authorised to Engage the Dervices of Instenderson " to Cawass the City for Subscribers to the Course of Dectures of the association, at a rate of Com. " of y's of on all Cash receipts of Sofo on such names "as are presented to I accepted to the Committee" The meeting then radjourned. Etwars france Recles

Of a Special meeting oph Directors of the Ilercan = the Silvany association.

Present. P. U. Brown Pres.

S. J. Syman Hus. Mt. Clair loor dec. Elgrant Med do G. Grinton W.H. Jaques N.M. Blair C. Burns R. Parker G. may J.C. Morris The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. blair then read different letter from the various persons requested to lecture before the association, & leteurse gave in a copy of their agreement for printing and advertising the Course of lectured, which was as follows.

Jo the "Herald" for advertising every Decond roaf £3,2,5

"""Transcript" - do daily 4 ""

"""Adverliger" do do 3 "" " Gazette de every occone day 326 To I. Starke for 50 Pasters the first week and twenty five every outsequent one (encluding posting lefe) y "2"6 I've was then moved by elis Syman - Seconder by ma Clare and carried "That the members of this Board by robintary sub-"Nespectively with a copy of the Canada Wirectory, 3 that the "Decretary befinstructed to procure & forward the dame The following motion was then put by Mr. Hurn's seconded by Mi Mair Yearried "That in Consideration of the near approach " of the General annual meeting of the association it is not expedient

o for the Board to take any action with respect to the discontine = ance of the Subscription to Hearpers magazine, but to leave the matter in the hands of the association at the annual meeting Or was then moved by mr. Granton - seconded by mr. Grant I carried " That the Board authorise the new Koom Com -" mittee to Reep the Chess Room open untile 12 P.M on one -"night during Each weel to the chear- players to defray the estra "Exheused incurred in gas full the, & that they make efficient "arrangements for closing the Rooms" It was then moved by mr. blave, seconded by mr. morn's That this Board Confirm the action of the finance -Committee in increasing the amount the were authorised to Borrow from \$50 to \$45.
The annual report was then read over and a few alterations made. Al meeting then adjorismed. Edward Frank Rudeem La hovember 21 . 1854 av a Special meeting meeting of the Board of the Men. Let asso = aistion - Present - P. D. Prrown Eogr Pres.

Elyrant Rec. See.

RParker Treasurer W. H. Jagus Esers ly. may " ber Blair " Dringston " The minites of the last meeting were read and confirmed the following motion was then put by mr. Jaques, seconded by his many of carried "That the Government Grant of \$50 " to be received next seasons be sex about to indemnify "Un following gentlemen meas" of S. Brown - Das. Stingston

1 P.D. Porown. Saml, English . Geo. Chieds & S. J. Syman who became personnally responsible to John Rose Con " for the sum of £ 45 advanced by him for the benefit. of the association. It was then moved by mr. Loques Deconded by mr. Grant and carried " Dox the news Room "Committee be authorised to increase mi slouderson's "le omnistion from 24 to 32 7" The finance com= mitte reported progress, reading a rough oraft after hiabilities of the association. The meeting then adjourned. (dwardfrants Resteem La November 1857 ava Special meeting of the Prouve of the m. L. a. Present. Proponer Ergy Pres. I Styman " Pus. NH. Clare " Corse. Elgrans . Reeder. RParker . France ly Grinton " ly Childs Dr Blair " ly may. S. English " I Hingelon I Burns " II minis N.H. Jagues . J. S. Brown. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed It was then moved by mes by may, seconded by mr. blace I carried "That the proceeds of the cale of Lecture tickets be made a special fund to defrage the expensed

" attending the Sectured & to be deposited with the " President for this purpose subject to the order ofther "Treasurer." It was then resolved by the Board.
"That the Promisson Note of the Exsociation "be given to thee of J. S. Brown. I as. Hingston. "P. & Brown. Jamel English, Geo. Childs and S.J. "them for the sum of £75 and Interest as security to "them for the liability incurred by them in giving their joint and several Note to John Rose Eser "for money advanced by him for the purposed of the "association, and that the president be and "is hereby authorised to sign and the Treasurer To "affir the Deal of the association to the said Note" Or was then resolved that the thanks ofthe association are due face huely tenduce to John Rose Escr for his Kindness in loaning for the use of the institution the sum of Ifs. He Board then adjourned to the annual meeting of the association, held in the Reading Room, a large number of the members of the association were formul muting foresent. The hierness of the meeting was opened by the decretary reading the reports of the last Semi- annual the adjourned & Special meetings, which were confirmed. The Seventeenth annual report of the association was then read and land before the meeting for adoption -It was then moved by Mr. Theodore Sugman, Recorded by Mr. Slewart "That the report of the association which has now been read be adopted "The motion was last. It was then moved in amendment by mr. -Campbell, seconded by mr. by . W. Stephend, and Carried "Hat the present report be received & laid before the "neeting for discussion. Offer some discussion it was moved by mr. G.W. Stepheid, seconded by Mr. Harter & Carried " Shat the annual report be read dection by Section

The Secretary was then requested to read the Report in ac = cordance with the foregoing resolution, which was done-feveral amendments were requested to be made of it was finally moved by mr. mileternan, seconded by mr. blighow of Carried "Strat the report as amended be. "adopted", and the report was accordingly ordered to be printed. He following motion was then four by -Mr. y. W. Stepheus, & se conded by mr. Chenef" That the "letter of resignation of the late 10 oars, I the resolution Athat led to their resignation be viserted as an appear "dix to the present amended Report" This motion was last. It was then moved in ameroment by ma. I. I. Syman Deconded by Mr. May & carried" That the "letter of Resignation & Resolution which Course the -"late Board to resign be not printed". as the question meeting was about adjourning the question of Harper's hagazine was brought up - & the following motion was put by mr. Milelennan & seconded by mr. Lee-That Harper's magazine le discontinued in conce = "quence of the low and fourilous remarks contained "in the November Number with reference to our Inem" after considerable discussion, the motion was put & last - It was then moved in amendment by my Macaulay & seconded by my Stewart, "That the Condevation of this Prestion be postponed the nest meeting the association becember for This amendment was last. It was then again moved in amendment by mr. Baster Deconded by m? Cleghon & Carried "That masmuch as " the Character of our Theen is too well Known } "appreciated throughout the world to be in any waif affected by any traducer, this association is of opinion " that Harpers magazine may stite be admitted into the Rooms without the least degree affecting " the heartfelt loyalty of any of its members"

The Secretary was then ordered to make this re = Solution Ruser through the Public Prints.

The meeting then speparated.

Sec Ske Maa. Mecember yth 1835 at the annual meeting of the Mer. Lit. association for the Election of Office Heavers fort the Ensuing year a large number of members were present - the Preai = deal took the chair I having called the meeting to order proceeded with the first business of the Evening viz the Election of Officers for the Ensuing year -The following gentlemen were Elected. P. J. Brown Esqr Pres. d. d. Syman " Pres. Tr. H. Clare " Cor. See. E Grant "Rec'dee. M. J. Lonson ., Treasurer. Mess ? Seach. Stephens Sewis Grinton Parker English. Child Blair Mcblennaw. Directors It was then moved by myringan. I Deconder by my blighorn - "That whereas at the last servi - annual meeting " certain resolutions were foassed restricting currain Sec = " turers from Section before the association, & whereas " the said resolutions are considered by some to res = " trief the free action of the Board In their choice of "Sections, be it resolved that this institution is on = thely non- pectarian in its character and as the objects " for which the said resolutions were passed have-"been accomplished, the Board Mirectors shall in future 1 be guided in their choice of Secturers by the con-

"= stitution of Brychaws of the Institution of the well understood "wished of its members" It was then moved in amendment by m? devis, & seconded by Mr. Mr. Pherson " That the meeting regrets to entress the " disposition exhibited by some of the members to sow the seeds a of discord by introducing religious of sectarian questions of it -, therefore hereby expressed its unqualified disapprobation of , such conduct as this association is and always has "been considered catholic in its principles." Jone discussion then took place after which the amendment was put I, tost, as was also the original motion. * It was then moved by m. Sewis seconder by mr. millennan & Carried "That the resolution relative 1 to Warhers majazine passed at the meeting of the associ-"ation held november Ist 1854 he reconsidera". a motion of adjournment was then pur by me bleghow seconded by min Stether & last. It was then more by mr. Lewis - Deconded by mr. mcLennan & resol = ved That Harherd magazine be ejected from this Room as unworthy of our patronage in consequence of its elli= berality, false and malicious representations of British -Institutions, as well as afour beloved Lum the Head of the British nation. a vote of thanks to the late Proare was put by my Campbell Decorded by mr. Darling & carried. The meeting then argonned Chvardfrant Rusee med X It was moved by mr. Camptett ? Decond by mr. Kinlocks That the Board of the more. Lib. as. be authorised to substitute the astantic monthly in place offenthersmagazine - This motion was declared out of order

Duember 14th 1854 At a muting of the Develors of the mercantite Lebrary Association W.Dt were freeent -S. I. Arman Gar dec J. A. Clare &. Grant Her Sec S. English G. Grinton G Childs F Burns In the absence of the Bres & V. Pres Mr. I. S. Brown was called to the chair. The minter of the annual meeting were read and approved. The Secretary then reported his having received the resignations of mesers Leach, Blair Ame Leman The Present having then made his appearance accupied theclian The President then declared the old Board out of office. The following gentlemen of the New Board their took their seals sig. I. S. Brown Eng President 8. S. Approach. V. Pres. E. Grant, " Mee Sec. W.S. Youson .. Treasurer Mesers Grenton, Childs Lewis, Sagues. The following quitternen were then theded by acclamation to fill the vacancies on the Board - Messes Burns, Hugelon, Morris The following gentlemen were elected Honorary Sirectors of the fulltitution House John Young P. S. Brown Tapman I Ferrier Junior. It was then unaumously resolved," That masmuch as the several numbers of the Men Board declet at the annual meeting did not accept office, the Board did exception of the Section Compte to which the following quitemen were married Thesses dynam, Clare, dewis, - In Readoletten relating to the 5th Class of Subscribers was read and deferred

to another meeting. Before the preceding business had been gone through the fordowning motion was carried. That maximely as the minutes of the last meeting could not be produced this eneming, he tel therefore resolved that the Board proceed with the usual humers with the understanding that the Raid minutes be furnished by the President to the new Board. The meeting was then adjourned to the 23 Dec. Elivard Grant Reasemed_ Ut a special meeting of the Directors of the mercantile Library association held in the Committee Rooms on Hedrieday Evening the twenty third December 1854 J. S. Brown Efreedent Thomas Sarling. James Hingston. George Childs John Burus m. S. J. Louson Freasurer The President having taken the chair the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 current four read and approved. In the abeune of the Secretary, Edward Grant In Romeon was requested to act in his place. the consideration of Mr Reads letter referred to at the The meeting took up previous meeting of 14th curnet in police the admission of It subscribers was treated of the heing reported that these admissions were based upon a motion made at a mietring of the Roard held in July 9th 1856. the maller was deferred till the munites of that meeting were produced aud mad. a Letter was produced and read from audien a wat declining his appointment of 68 meeter, which was accepted by the Board. It was resolved to leave the racaway to be filled up, to mesers Childs & Hingston, to report to meet Meeting The President then divided the Board note the following Committees .-Reading Room Mesers Grunton Childs & Jacques Astrary " " Arman, Grant, Burns Upes " Morris, J. Beers, Gillespe Ferraine " douson Hingston, Darlin " Morris , I. Beers , y ellespie " Clare dewis dyman decture It being reported by the Superintendant that the lovered Hall will be vacated by the loughegation presently occupying it, on or before the 14th of January next the President was authorised to investigate and arrange and report at next meeting with power to act as he sees hest for the interests of the association. The President produced and read a Letter from Several munher of the association making a presentation of the I eleunher uniter of "Harper Magarene" with a request that it be laid in the Reading Room are donation It was moved by his Hungston seconded by his bilds and resolved that in as much as that at the last annual Muling a resolution was passed to the effect that Harpers magazine he expelled from the Rooms, and that in accordance with the sentiments expressed at that meeting, this board can only refer the presentors of the said heagarine to a full huching of the association for action in the matter and that the Copy of the preceding motion. —
The state of the minute Book was brought under consideration, when it was moved by m. donan and seconded by his Sarling that the Scentary he ardred by the President to have all the Minutes of

Therion meeting with the annual Report of the association for That masmuch as no appointment of Auditors to examine the Freasurers accounts for the part year were made at the General Annual meeting held on the you Obellucher current, it is resolved that John Arigan & John Lewis be appointed for that purpose, and notice to be given thereof. It was mored by mikingston seconded by m. Darling that the respective Committees he mishwited to render quartiry a tirellen report of their proceedings, and that the first report he rendered on the second humday in Feeling 1858. Aux papers hi the Plading from of the association came fride Consideration, when it was resolved that the Reading Room Committee he directed to dispre otte the least prasible delay The meeting then dessolved In I. I. done on seeproten. Jan 14 th 1858 A regular meeting of the Board In Al an was held theis brewing Present J. S. Brown ag President. E. Grant Reesee W. S. Souron Theasurer Thomas Sarling of Grenton Gellepie b. Childs. The minutes of tast meeting were read and confromed. It was then recoved with reference to the 5 frabuster that the Superintendant he instructed to follow the same Explin as he has aheady done. - The racaveyou the

the Board was filled up by mil Burs who was proposed by Im done on and seconded by her Grant & unaumously telet. With regard to the reletting of the decline Room it loasnesshed to been the whole business in the Presidents hands. The writing of the annual Report of the association in the Present red all succeeding Boards. It was reported that auditors had been written to and that the proper books and vouchers were in the hands of the Superintendant. The Consepondence of the Hochela Debatring (lub was laid on the table, but no action was taken on it. Welver Smith's Bell was referred to Mr Grunton to do with as he thought test for the interests of the association It was moved by In Grinton and seconded by Im Valuig that the diverpool Mucung, Seeds Mucum Galway Express be discontinued and that the london Baily Times, Art Dournal, Securlific american and Turlin Murrine he Rubetulura, She Meeting was then dessolved comed from the Secretary Dublin Murrire be substituted for them, Clary 11th 1858 At a spicial meeting of the Board of Sneeting of the Mr. & Am were present of S. Brown Esq. Presentent, S. I. Suprian Wise Ones, D. & Brown Horary Otherson, James Kingston, Odavid Gillespie, John Burns J. Dewis, Thos Darling, The Reending Secretary being absent In Varling warrequester to cet in his stead, the midules of last meeting were read

Il detter was produced from In Ger Greaton concerning Wilmer Smith's Graft, and about Stone in Committee Room, and Boys Salary, was defend till a nothen meeting. detter from (has me Ray to me flare retaline to intering inte lugagement to lecture vas read. The Presedent them submitted to the board a skelch of the progress of the peroceation, with statement of its affairs from 1843 to 1857 Chewing the amount to be collected from present munker to be parely sufficient to meet curent ex-- pruses. We S. I dynian then inquired if m Henderson had been successful in ottaming any new subscribers, but no information was elicited, there hering present no member of the R. R. Committee who had taken any part in engaging Mr Darling motion respecting coursesing the bily for New Munkers was put and carried and Mr Sewes was appointed to prepare the Books and send them to the respective parties. eigned Those augus) Ac pro There 6 4 Stabel 1808 It a special meeting of the Board of vicitors of the mercantile Library description held in the Committee Porms on Saturday Evening the sexth of February 1868 Thin win present 7. S. Brown Esq President David Gillespie John Burns mm T. J. Louson W. A Jagques, George Grundon W. A. Clave. Vn

In the absence of the Secretary In down was requested to write the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th January last were read and approved, -Im Clay reported les to the lectures yet to be given and what steps the had taken in corresponding with the different unterner ingaged, all of which the Doard approveday. In by water reported leaving written to William & mith with concetions hi their account and anaugung for the settlement of their claim. In grenton also clated that a new message boy had been procured at a salary of midollars for month which was also approved. a letter from Im Edward Grant the secretary was read in which he stated that his continued Muss prevented him attending this meeting and that the much Book was still meomplite It was reported by Im P. D. Brown that the printing of the annual Report was all and finished and would be issued week theres. It was resolved that soo copies were sufficient for cerculation and In Brown was nistructed accordingly The meeting was them dissolved IS. Brow Preacher 124 February 1858 a special meeting of the Brand of Smelin of the m. I. an washeld their evening it the Rooms of the association, there were present I. S. Brown Leg President W. H. Jaques, John Burns. Thos Sarling & Itan & monis The President stated to the meetings the Secretary Am Edward Grant had resigned his office, and then their meeting had been called to etect a new secretary mi his stead. Im I. L. monis was elected. The Meeting was their described

Seventicult Munual Report mercantile dibrary Association flutterner - The period having arrived when it becomes the duty of your board to lay before you the - mance of that duty, happy in the thought that, however unperfectly they may have descharged the duties of office, the trust has not her neglected; and they now have the pleasure of presenting you spell a statement of the affairs of the Association as they hope will meet with your Intri approval membership The list of munher, compared with that oflast nuisas follows: 1856 muchants ... 124 1857 Suin (lerks . 239 225 14 Vunior do 76 56 20 0 The Subscriber 0 17 dipe members 53 35 0 18 27 Am. meurhers Total 522 492 22 02 showing a decrease of thirty members. From this sumber however lighteen must be deducted - the muchen of dife muchers having her for several years erroneously oner-stated; and so this error has now hem corrected the actual decrease during the year is twelve members. your Brand, honever, have pleasure in stating that The attendance at the Reading Room has indently encurred during the past year. The average members resisters including

muchers, is about 175. A re-arrangement of the English newspapers, by which it is expected the rooms will be rendered more attractive, will shortly come oute operation, but at the present moment the lest of murspapers, magazines and periodicals, is the same as that of last year. The following papers have been kindly furnished to the Association, free of charge, by the undermentioned gentlemen: mounted Witnels, by John Sougall, Eg; montreal Transcript, by S. me Donald, Eg; True Witness, by G. b. blerk, Eg; Jemperance Advocate, by el. b. Becket Esq; Canada Official Garette, and It batturnes boustitutional, by the publishers; Sherbrooke Garette, by S. I. Ayman Esq; Sherbrooke Canadian Junes, by messes Ritelia Ho, propretors; new York Sun, by mesers Beach Ro, proprectors; Christian Inquier, by d. A. Holton, Esq. M. P. P., St Johns (L.E) news, by W. W. Smith Western Planet, by A Blackwood, Esq.; North British Advertisin by a friend; Trionto Echo, and Haraids Garette, by thee proprietos; diheid Christian, by A Rose, Egg, Galibay Express by W. Minelun Esq's Me Reuzie's Messenger, Sciclair's birculars Dukee Prices Current, and Uneago Prices Clinent, by the Propuetos. The tranks of the association are due to the Hou, John young and d. H. Holton, Eg, M. P. P. for Parlimentary and other papers, and to me Wood for his knidness in furnishing the rooms with Railroad time. Telegraph reports, through the Montreal Telegraph drive, are supplied to the rooms with regularity. The news, Shipping and Produce Books have her regularly and Correctly Rept. The association is widetell to Mr Permington for his knidness his furnishing daily reports of the receipts of produce by the Grand Trynk Ractions! A room for these se, las heen in operation, his connection with the Association, since January text

This has added somewhat, to the current expenses of the year, without, so for as your Board are aware, increasing the receipts Although your present Board, in presenting their Report, must necessarily detail the actions of the Association from the commencement of the year, get so many changes have taken place since the last annual meeting, that it is with no little difficulty the presence individuals or class of individuals composing the different Boards, (as they have constructed and re-constructed themselves from time to time) can be found upon whom to place the honors and responsetilities of office. In laying before you a statement of the affairs of the Association at the present time, your Board cannot but feel that they are in part acting for, and bringing before you statements of others whose places they have felled within they year, and to whom, in a great measure, you are indested for much of the present prosperty of the Aseociation. The Board, as elected one year ago, was as follows: -Mathen Barty, President. 2. P. Aleghorn, Vice President. Thomas, Con Secretary E. M. Chuney, Ree. do G. A. Macaulay, Treasurer. - O Tweetors -W. Van about. G. W. Stephens, V. me dean . J. De Witt, h. (Theodore Siman. V. meplyrson, J. Of Henderson. E. me deunau, of S. Seed. I. W. murchin, Into Baxter frieding that his humin ingagements would hurent his devoting the amount of time to the interests of the Association which its real mints demanded ruigned, and hu Thomas was chosen in his stead, In Clighon Vice- President, having declined to serve.

Several other changes and resegnations having taken place willie the first sex mouther of the year, the Board at the time of the last Sever Augual meeting consisted of the following quittemen: A. Thomas, President; I. P. Cleghow, Vice President M. F. Garden, Cor. bee'y; E. M. Cheny, Rec. Secy; P. & Brown Treasurer; ly. W. Stephens I De Witt, John Machburson, V. me dean. I Matterson, Am Salter, and R. Parker, Vindois shering three vacances. The exercise on the part of the muches of the association of the hower rested in their hands, of dectating to the Board what Course should be adopted in reference to the seteetim of lecturers, exhibiting itself as it did, at the tast Sein-Sunul meeting, in repudiating the action of the Board in having extended to the Rev. Theodore Parker an invitation to betime before the Secretation, cause the infortunal resignation of all but two of the tast Marned Board. Previous, however, to the recignation, the three racareies were filled up, by the election of the following quitternen, whose names at the request of the Board were Ruggested by the members of the association at a general meeting in Sune tast. mesers W. H. Clau, Glo Grenton and E. Grant. There three, together with the two who did not deem at their duty to resign their places at the Board, having sympathered with the action of the association, ver, P. D. Brown, Treasurer, and R. Parker, Drietor, constituted a guorum le whom ten of the Board reseguel The Board, consisting of fine purous, then proceeded to fill up the racaucies; and having done so, In S. J. Syman was Chosen President, but having declined to serve In P. & Brown was elected. Several of the gentlemen at first chosen to office declined to act, and after considerable time had classed, the Board was completed, and now slands as follows: P. J. Brown, President; S. J. Syman, Vice President; W. H. Clau, Cor See; E Grant. Ree See; R. Parker, Veneiner Geo Gruton, Jas Arrighton, Samuel English Is Brown

Geo. May, Geo (Sulas. D. W. Blan. W. H. Jaques, J. D. Morris Geo. May eye cours. I we have the former of the following and the following Mention, the following authority of the Board:

How I ha young & clames mitchell leg Karrien Stephens, leg, & H. W. Forraise leg This auces.

The monotified with the present state and future financial prospects of the association, as compand with former years with the commencement of the present year, the Board then assuring office, found the Association encumbered with a dibt of & 4000 which has, owing to the real and deligence of our predicessors his paying of many old claims, bein reduced to & 291. The larger portion of these detto were paid during the first eve winter of the curring year, and while the Greating of the aserciation was Continually receiving accessions from the Enteription let, and while much praise is due to them for their real in this respect, yet the withdrawal from the theasing of so much for this perperse, necessarily deprived us of the medful funds, for the more legitimate purposes of depaying the current expenses later in the year. Many of the old dibts which had here hanging whe a dead weight upon the association, leave thus heen legendated. your Board, in pilloting through the sho als of financial difficulties, which show themselves above and around the many atten obstacles which they, and all the Boards, have had be contend will, (and Deeping he new the interests and prosperity of the association) then enderwood to look about for some new scheme whereby to extricate the Association from the perplicaties and disgrace of tett. a large addition to our Greasury. The meeting of the Scientific Convention held in huntred in August last, suggested the

edea of opening a Pieten Gallery, which was accordingly intended into with the following objects: 1st As a means of intertaminent to the members and quests of the Couvention. 2nd To afford witetlesteed accessement, and a means of in-proving the taste of the community at large, and also as a some of revenue to the association. In accomplishing the first two objects, its ences was satisfactory and your Board feel that much was thursby gamed. The Association was by this means brought promininty before the public - its influence entended, and its public spirit Commended Irin by those who ded not combinance our effort by resitury the gallery. With but an unperfeel knowless of the capabilities of montrial for forming the desired exhibition and with hunted time before them we which to act a general appeal was made to the public by your Board, to provide the requeste pictures - the response to which was the flowing in of paintings to a much larger munher transvas continplated all for which it was necessary to provide means for transport, accomodation, gas fitting, se. The expuse, including mirmance - a large item of itself-cost of transport to and from the gallery, printing, to, amounted to d. 6.13. 10 more Man the receipts. your Board have much pleasure in saying that the thanks of the ascretation are due to those ladiesaid quetemen who so querously respondent to their cally and gave the use of their painting, and alisto m Thomas, who kindly granted the use of his rooms in Ronaventure Hallow that accasion. your Board found that it would be unpossible to defray the current expenses of the year with the small amount due whom the subscription list, which had been nearly collected They therefore at a last precting authorised the Finance bounite to negotiate a loan of # 75, which you Board are happy to Ray loas in a very queens manner advanced to them his do hukose

Am Rose, Eg, Il. for eight monther, several members of the Board having below personally responsible for the amount your Board take this opportunity to return their gratiful acknowledgments, to m Hose, for his kindness and likewith your Board have much pleasure in acknowledging the would grant from Government of # 50. your Board would State that the Finance Committee made personal application to those Rubscerbus he arrears, which has resulted in reducing the arrivered due on the Rub-list winch below what it had hen in former years. Lectures — It was the intention of our predicessors to obtain the services of the hest beclivers throughout the Writed States and organize a summer course, and they were making anaugments for so doning, when the unfortunate occurrence already mentioned with reference to the extended involationto me Parker, put an end to the project and brought into office your present Board. In the month of Vanuary that a course of lectures was delivered before the Association lightee Awalther dord, which was well attended and resulted in a profit of # 9.2.6. The tale Board were successful in adding to the Treasury \$ 20.3.4 hering the proceeds of a conjunt field under the auspices of the Association, at the City Concert Hall, on the 26 M March tast. In April a lecture was delivered before the Association, by Elihu Buritt, the learned blacksmiths which hering largely attended, was successful in adding to the Treadury \$ 34. 18. 10. your Board also united Int Hough, of the New Brook State Gusus OS epartement and m Atthe Gilman, of Boston, to deliver betwee before the association, during the session of the Provincial Agricultura Society in September last. The former quetteman accepted the invitation, and my by churan, through not particles my aging hunself, had not given such an accuraince

to your Board, as led them to understand he had accepted and arrangments were accordingly made for two lectures from him. Board being welain that three between a course would have resulted in profit to the association, in asmuch as the cost of printing, advertising to would have amounted, to us were for the three than for one. Mrs & Muan however, dissapointed them, only giving notices his mability to betwee after it was too late to and the inare sorry to say failed to draw to gether an audince, though the paper was of itself one of great interest and improveauce. Immediately leprou your Board assuming office, they fully intruded to carry out the designs of their predicessors, and organise a course of hetures in conjunction with the sister desociations throughout the Province, and the Recording Secretary had put huiself the communication with severily their when your Board were warred by the taleners of the practicable, and they have river arrived at the conclusion, that they can act in this maller to much teller advantage undipendantly. Moun Board decided to organise a course of twelve lectures, to be delivered during the couring wenter, and to this and have written to a large unwher of distinguished quetternen in the United States, and Canada, many of whom, from a variety of causes, have declined. your Board, however, have the pleasure to announce that they have secured the services of the following quillemen: Thursday, November 26 - Arthur Gilman, Esq. - "Character-istics of New England Human" Thursday, Ducember 3. - Per I. Fletcher - " Braziland the Prariliais." Thurday Execute 10 - Herman Millville, Esq. - "Sight- Seeing in Rome"

Thursday, Secender 18- Park Buyann Eg Hriday, December 19 - Wark Blujamin, Erg -Hunsday, January 8 - G Vanduchof, Esquise -Thursday, Vanuary 14 - Rev. J. Purpout I'm the Scholars Hope," (a Prem). Thursday, Vanuary 21_ Thursday, Valuary 28 - Henry Giles, Esquire -"The Potonte Family" Thursday, February 4- Thursday, February 11- John G. Saxe, Egg. your Doard, unwilling to assume the rick of unitring these gentlemen until satisfied that their efforts would be responded to by the association and the public, have disposed of a large runcher of season reserved seats at the lectures. your Moard would, in concluding this subject, urge. without which neither thus nor any course of bestimes can he carried through successfully. Classes, ___ On this point your Board have not much to report The Archielaga Or exating (but in connection with this association, still holds its meetings. Ment of its meetings during last winter were well attended and several buter estiting Rubjects skillfully debated; and we would strongly recommend our successors to forthe and buloniage it by every means in their power. Having rules dud regulations of its own it remains under the auspiers and control of the association, and affords to

the members advantages for unprovenent in the art of speakings which, in any position and station, cannot fait to be unimenty weful. Library -_ _ 2873 975 3848 which you Board full quirally in good order, Of wing the year only 502 volumes had been taken out by 272 readers. Of these works a great part have been in constant use, the munher of weres being 2482; The remaining portion of the Sibrary sig, 3346 rolumes, have not her removed from the shelves, and though raluable as hooks of reference are entirely unsuited to the requirements of the association. Mon Board received from their predicesers in office the run of \$ 9.2.11, hering balance of money received from Rale of old books by them, which they have expended in men books. The following works have been presented to the association during Present's Philip II. 2 rols. Presented by of Se Will, leg. Essays and Jales, by Barry Cornwall, 2 rols. Presented by P. Kershanday Oregon Thail, Ind; Rosenth and his Generals, Inol; Rice and Fall of the Unich hatin, 1 rol. - total 3 rols. Aresented by G. W. Stephens. Festimony of the Rocks, by A. Miller, Inol; Profession, by mias Brould I vol; Bachelor of the albany and medlicatt, & volumes, by Savage. Dresented by R. Parker Esq. Diang of a Living Physician Inol; Cline Hall, Inol, Presented by a. J. Sutton, Eng! Vauada Gazette Hrobs. Presented by R. Shomas, Esq.
Muited States Patent Office Reports, 1854-53; 2 rols; bounnese and harigation, 1866; Fruiances, 1855 and '56, 400lo. Presented Deuxus of the State of New Monk, 1856. Presented by F. B. Houghting I. O. a Fale, and Vampirism 2 vol. Oresintedby A. In Searcright Eng

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Lotat 191 23 17 Donellesson ___ Throw a review of the events of the past year, your Board are for to say that they leave the affairs of the association in your hands with less fears and doubts respecting its future prosperity and unfulness than when they assumed office. Truck, very much, depends upon the seal and activity of the members; and your Doard in conclusion would add, that if we would see the usefulness of the Association increased - if we would see it taking rank mon prommently, as a public sistitution, its dest liquidated and its munhuship augmented, the munhus as well do the Board must put their shoulder to the wheel the is wided a mistaken notion that a Board can act efficiently without the Co-operation and sympathy of the munher, and that all the labor and work dirolves upon the officers. It is whon our entreighten list that we are to depend, in a great measure, for funds to meet not only the current expenses, but the old tests due lythe association At the members feel that a a certain amount of responsibility reets whom them, and how easy it would be to double our subscription test. Suppose each each mucher, or low second mucher, chould resolve to make hurself the instrument of adding one to our list during the coursey year. This would, according to our present menches, encience the list to 738 - moreace macecipto mi the Rame rates, and thereby clear the Resocietion from test. The Board acting in confinction with such munhachile, would fuid additioned, motives for activity and real, and would Consequently have more lessere to divote to the legitimate purposes In which the Association was found, sustead of benegotilized as now, to spend a great portion of their time in divising meses of freezing the withtetiris from dett. The Board should

ful that the munher are, at least, auxiliaries, and sympattures Let them show by their valuable suggestions to the Board that the same spirit of real is enterlained in their breasts theat they would disn't to see manifested in their office - heavers. Then and not till then, chall we walise the most artent wishes of you Board - the daily wierease of the prosperty and astfalness of the resociation. The whole aboutheless repetfully entirited D. Brown Paristut, M. L. a. Edward Grant Rec-Sie. M. L. A. Montreal, horender 23.0 1857. march 31 1858 Aregular meeting of the Board of the mercantile ditrangles cation was held this breakly. There were present T. S. Brown las President. S. I. dyman T. Pres. Mr. A Jaques, Thos Varling Gr. H. Clair bon See. M. J. I. down treasure, I. d. morris Geo Grinton. The Present in guned if my action had been taken in regard to auditing the accounts and maximum that nothing had yet here doce. He thunseported that a paraury had received on the Road through the resignation of my Grant. It was then moved by In Japaes, recorded they I'm love and resolved that m m. I Gairdner be deded to fill the ralacey. It was moved by I'm dyman recorded by I'm Dailing "That the How W. In B, more he elected an Bourary member of this association Resolved. It was mored by miderman seconded by In Jaques" That the resolution paided by the Board of Brueton on 19th horewher last in relation to the presentation of the Canada Quietry to the mereantile Sebran, associations of Botton and New york he carried into effect and the thro secretaries he a committee for this object. A letter

from his Read was shewn stating that the term for the use of the Concert Room by Rood J. S. Sykes expires in april, and that be leas expressed a descrite retain the Room if he camoblain lang terms, be would require the use of the Concert Room three Evenings a week and be affect thirty fine pounds anew rent, and the proceeds of a content if it violed be accepted. It was agreed to offel him the use of the Room sucluding gas and prewood, for so to a year. Im Read fullen republikation a Ferri who non occupies the work ormerly occupied by m springles affers I efteen founds a year for the une of the belies Room It was agreed to offer hun the awall room whatais for the same terms. Mr S. I dyman reported that Rayard Taylors northern Travels head been presented to the association by a member. In blace reported that he had not heard from In my Ray as to the present time at which he would be able to bestine to the m. S.a. In blace was instructed to write him at Abbauf to ascertain what time It would be convenient for with to fulfillies sugarement. It was reported that no person was sugared for 12 lestine It was then recoved that In Alex minis be lugged In me Kay's commune & The Kneeded stated to the metring that there were twongle from on hand to pay for email accounts which were left in his hands for settlement In Louraning the lety for new entreiners, was accounted that as and nothing had been done. In other hackers harring transpired the meeting was their dissolved Ree See Inda

april 5th 1858 a Regular Mutring of the Board of Vinctors of the mereautile Library association was held this evening Present J. S. Brown En, President, Ir & Clau conceponding Secretary muer Auggston Grenton, Burns, Jagues, Palling, & illespiexblilds The minutes, of the previous meeting were read sconfirmed The Printer head a letter from the Secretary dating that he could not be purent and I. Darling was requested to act in his eteat. A titte was read from W. G. Gairdun belining to recept office on Board of Touching With regard to letting the consent Room to Herd I.S. Super the President readal report from In Read chewing that Gas for 128 nights by writer of come alterations would cont \$ 23 00 it was then considered whether he Eupes offer of \$25 & annum should be accepted be having refused to give # 30 hering the amount resolved to respectate for at last meeting it was resolved that the Phristent should be Mr Sykes and in the trent of his heing mable to Come to more favorable terms to decept his offer of \$ 35. 11/26 law reported that the instructions of the Board to Inward the Cauada Vinetory to the Boston Men Books In nearlite Library associations had been carried out and read an acknowledgment from the new york, M. S. Uand was justiceled to recover the sum of \$3 odd hing Repress Charges to whom them, from the newher of the Board of Vinetin. Bublan also stated that belied written to Albany to the secretary of the mucantile library asseistin then regarding blus mackay that had as not received no reply. With regard to the offer of motorie of # 15 a year for bre of blues from the Printent stated that it along with the large room pad her leared for \$ 50 to Signer Te to het that in correquence of come misunderstanding Ligan Se Few is non dissifous of chuelling his leave seed

and renting the large room at \$40 a year or chers room at \$ 20 a year, no action was taken will regard to it The President read a statement by Mr Read of tectine Lundo elevin # 15. 15. etill owning but the Henduson and that My Heiderson has etill to kingle adminion Tickets unaccounted for, elatural also should that regists at the For amounted in all to \$ 125 my and that the amount at present to credit of lection found is \$96 from which is to be paid Advertising te The President stated that he had received a telling from Mr Wandenhof stating fewould be prepared to deliner a course of teetines before the association about the second truck in april, the matter is still in abegance It was resolved that the testine committee should Correspond with m Vandenhof and he unpowered to with into an engagement with him chould they consider it advisable! The President asked for a statment of the subscriptings of Current year tent no such statuent could be prothused, the primare committee were requested to have it prepared without delay. In Assignthe stated that the Books were not get autited, It was usohed that they should begone through with at once. In Equiton requested the authority of the Board to evelude from the chees Room all who were not munhers at the club, he outer to avoid the distribune caused by, non- members and the distruction of perpety, the authority was granted, to give up to thet chees slut the entire contral of the cheso Room. In Grenten stated with regard to Wilmer & swith that he had withen twice but had received no riply and that the inequalities connected with sentele papers still existed. The meeting them adjoymed

Monday 4th May 1858 The Regular Semi Annual meeting of the Mineautile Library accoliation was held this eneming in the Reading Room and was well attended by members of the association? The Ducident having called the meeting to order the unnites of last annual meeting were read and confirmed. It was then moved by In Henduson & seconded by me Stephens that the report he received - carried after some descussion as to whether it was enetomary to receive a semi humal Kennt. It was moved by In S. J. Typuan recention by that the resolution passed got July 1856, he resemded by which fine shellings was substituted for Lendulings in the second clause of the second section of the Bay Laws of this metitation in order that the aforesaid evetin may stand as non printed - carried The President having informed the meeting that the lokes blut had not progressed so favorably since its unwal to the bournitte Room the members of the association Present authorised the Board of Viretion to caucil the lase of the small Room formuly occupied as a blus Room with a view to its revery any for the same purpose Some time was diroted to considering the expediency of reliching and offering for eale some of the broks in the library, it was divided to refer the health to the Board of inetim to act as they should deem advisable. It was moved by G. W. Stephens seconded by S. I Lyman by and carried. That the Board of Or nection be instructed to couridn the propriety of winting with knided intitutions to from a Dublie Library accessful to members of each Institution and report action at the around It was mond by In The Auly seemeded by In Shiphens that the Reading Room Committee be sustricted to

enterihe to Harpers mayazine. Groved in amendment by In Cleghown that the decision he posthoned till next arrival muting. It was moved in amendment to the amendment by In Foris "That two lists be laid on the deck in the Reading Room, one of them forthere purpose of signature by there farnable to resubscribing to Harpers Mayagin. the other to be regred by there against its readminein In Louis' amendment to admindment was put to the meeting short. In b leghours amendment was Carried - the heuting was then adjourned Ist drongis Seerelang May 2/1858 A regidin meeting of the Board of Vinetas was held this weing the were present 9.18. Brown hay Pers. James Kingston Glanton I Bailing, M. H. Jagues I Below blilds I L. Innis The President informed the meeting that nothing had been heard, from the Rev. S. Sykes in repense to lugaging the Court Room from m. Wandanhoff, who had been asked to betwee hope the Svinty. The Drisident church an application from the Philliaminical Society descring to leave the large Room, no decision was A little was read from mo me Pay of the bity Wieter ack-ing for a cornect list of the Office heaves of the Resociation also there of the Sochelage Vehaling blub-instructions brue grien to supply his with the regusite information Inthivitte. grien. In Lyman read a report of the Library shewing that fine orhumes had been added since last assured mutury

In Grinton report for the bless blut showed that the attendance had not here is good eine the removal to the Committee Room The President stated that be had had some conversation with On mackay, that he was willing to deliver two lectures before the asseriation on the beginning energy of Thursday and Friday, and with regard to terms would be satisfied with the receipts of the lectures. The matter was referred to the bestime Comittee, who were authorised to make the most satisfactory arrangements under the circumstruces The keentary uported that the areancy on the board was still not filled up. In auty Thompson was then clinen and placed on the Lecture Committee. The meeting was unin The meeting was then adjourned till minday the third Somming Rice Secretary. 2 nd august 1858 A regular mentally meeting of the Orienter of the Princentile Substant Resociotion was held this truing, there were present numes Varling, Lyman, Burns, Thompson, Louson and In the above of the President In blace was appointed to the glain and In Louis was reparted to act as reending A Letter tras read from the Secretary of the Lordon (69)
Morreantile Library association, which was referred to the
Lecture & minister Lecture Fund was presented, it was moved by Mr Childs cunded by In Burns that the halance on hand belonging to the Lecture Hund be transferred to the General Floriday the association

The Lecture Committee were instructed to enter into corresponding itte a view to the cruse of lectures for west winter.

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See proless at a hinthly meeting of the Victors of the humantile Library aserciation; add his the Committee Room of the aserciation on monday Evening the 6th September 1858 there were present Thos Cherling By William I I Louron & I Burns Ex Audren Himpson & S. Somes Lyman Fay The President look the chair and requested In Lowen to write the minutes in absence of Secretary. The minutes of last monthly meeting were read and The neasurer reported that the halance of the Section Fund amountain to \$225-36,000 had been transferred and duly pasked to the credit of the General account of the association as per entries in Bank Book- The Preasurer was requested to prepare a statement of the Leten Hund, chewing the nett perceeds derivable par the course, the expenses attending them, with secounts paid se and to uport the easur to next monthly Auch the association which were ordered to be over In the present, till a collection had been madefor that purpose. The President also uported that

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21 Moreinher 1858 This trenning the regular annual Meeting of the mucaulite Schram association was held In J. S. Brown in the Clean of the members of the Board there were presented. I. Lyman Vice President. M. H. Clare on see, Louism heatener Lewis. Burns I L. Monis and a fair unhers The number of last Semi armual Meeting were read It was moved by In bleghow seconded by In Huduan that the report be received - carried It was moved by Im aud that the Report read and laid on the table he adopted and printed It was mored in amendment by me me auly exely mostether that the report be read our section by section the amendment was lot It was moved in assendment by Im Bailey That the Report read this enemy he adopted with the exception of that portion which has reference to the finances It was morel in amendment by In he away seconded by In bamphell That the Report of the Board at present submitted he not adopted and that the finance Committee he hereby requested to furnish at the Meeting of the 1st week in O'recewher head a clear etatement of the arets and liabilities of this association. It was moved in aroundment by In he Leunan seconded by Intermen That the report um presented the adopted and that the finance Committee be requested to furnish at the next meeting of the Association a full statement of its finamial condition. this amendment was put It was mored by In Stitteen seemed by In he away "That the furance to omnittee be untructed to purchase a ledger or any other book in books necessary to keep a conect and business like read of the financial affairs of the association, that it shall he the duty of the b haveman of Raid furaine committee to see that these horks shall he duly ported up and that

the statement of the finance Committee to be made at next meeting be thetered in said books so as to form a starting point frall future finance loomintees - carried It was then nemed by In Stituted Incalley recorded by In Stethen that the Botard of Wirelin beholely instructed to Rubiente to Narpus monthly magazine It was mored in amendment by In Louis seconded by L. himis " that two lists he laid on the desk we the Reading Room, one for the purpose of regrature by these menters farmable to rethre against its readmission and that said buts remain on the dock until lannary rest. In he arling here altered the tern of his motion to make it read as follows. That Newpus magazin heagain replaced on the tables of the presentile schoping association to be the gift of m me aulary. The Meeting The Meting then dissolved Ish d. Ennis Reending Seculary In L. a: 1 6 th Of weedle 1858 Ulis mening the Regular Armed meeting of the neverantile Library Cleriatinh was held, for the election of office heavers the President in the Clean Mue were also present S. Imes Expuan When Purident. Mr. J. Lousen treasurer Lee bulas & Burns Lewis a Tumpen IL. hinris and a good attendance of The furance Committee handed in the report which they were bishuted to furnish at Last arrund Meeting. It was morned by Ma Elermas that the Report com read and the financial statement, after henry corrected by the auditor he printed and published in pauphtet form in the customany marine - unauminely carried

The election of officers then percented. Mr J. M Kall and Mr bligheren here appointed serectivieus. In J. S. Berren tendred his receppation as President which was received In Gruton was elected Prixedent m bhild . . . Vie President

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I'm I treen Inexam The hallothing for the directors them went on while the secretary and elictrices retried for the purpose of countries the writes In Thomas mored " That in the selection of Lectures for the association their alegious a Theological apricious do not form a test of qualification econdelly In Lyman and The sentiniers then entered the room and uported that the following quitternen hard heen clinen office heavers I Symah by & me away I Burns I. M. Hall. & Mefell Les Templeton A Uniform. T. B me Phuen. Hugoton et Michber It was sumed by In Tonis seemeded by In Gruitm' that the thank of this association are due land are builty lendich to 9.8. Brown Engin President of the association for the Rabushle services rendered by him to the association during the part year, and In his hidefaligable efforts he lottering contributions to its funds to the amount My \$340 as well as for liberally contributing to the Rame Muself- without which the association and be wished in great pecuniary embarasment- munimonsh, carried It was moned by I'm he Turnan selouded by the Flores that a note of Manh be grant to the return brand I. Zhanis

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and Bayand Laylor. It was mirred bly In Stethem ceended by I L. mis that the Concert lake place on Thursday Eneming the third of February and that In me gues lecture come off on Shunday The 11th provided circumstances permit and that a count committee he appointed consisting of mone I. S. Brown, blulds and me analy. The wending receiving reported that m Bailey and m I agues had refused to ad as directors. In I. I hims proposed houses In. Inclulloch and I. Hulop to fill the vacaucies no other husmiss having transpoid the meeting theen John L. Innis Ree any Seculary. 2 February 1859 The Regular Meeting of the Brand of Vincelors of the mice dutile debrang Association was held this evening the President in the chair. There were also present mesers blilas, the aulay, me gibbon Stether Perkins, Nall I Signan & Me fill In Grinton reported that the proposal laid hefre In modhime was rejected in toto. after some convenation it was moved by In mcaulay seened by In Lyman " That the President be authorised to make such arrangements with reference to removing the leave with In modluliner, as he may consider heat for the interests of the association and that he he unformed to sign and such lesse or contract on behalf of the association as may be necessary to the completion of these arrangements" no other business having heen hough the meeting heen Meserbed · Reending Secretary

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subscription in advance, and to promise to pay them at an earlist Correngies. The areas account had been sent in for \$10, it was decided but to pay to a pounds for The account of the Portland State of hume had hen sent in to the gurrant of \$ 24 5/200. Medications were grain to remit a year subscription in advance It was aported that with regard to the dett due the reservation by In Super the Church of England association were welling topay \$50 . It was shoully hu hyman see by I I himis that Im me aulay's resignation be accepted and this m Barry he dealed to file the rachury. Am Riso to be substituted income He dested to per mo.

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Peending Seculary 4th April 1859 The Regular Meeting of the Mucantile Sihang Associationeras Childs, me Gill, Burns, Perkins, S. J. Lyman, J. L. Monis. Im Slither reported to the meeting that he had written to the Gisten Paily Frankler advertiser. I hat he had communicated with Im Beacher requesting hun to visit montreal in Sum and had as not received no ausure. He had also withen to m Whipple i'm me gee An account was chewn from the Washington Union, to the m hyman nimed that it he disentimed and hew Orleans Paper substituted. A letter was perfered from a member " reking why Frank dusties paper & Ballons Richard han that put

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Mercantile Library Association

OF MONTREAL.



Gentlemen,—The approaching close of the labours of your Board of Direction, brings with it the duty of presenting the Annual Statement to the Association. In compiling this Report, your Board have aimed at placing you in a position to view the present aspect of your affairs with impartiality. They have endeavoured to free themselves from any desire to magnify their own efforts, and have tried to lay such a plain and candid statement before you as, they trust, may ultimately prove beneficial; though, meanwhile, it neither depicts flatteringly the result of their own efforts nor the future prospects of this institution.

MEMBERSHIP.

The list of Members for the past year, as compared with those of the two previous years, is as follows:

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Of the 434 Members of last year, 76 have withdrawn their subscriptions, and this deficiency is in part replaced by an addition of 52 new Members, of whom 8 are Merchants, 20 Senior Clerks, and 24 Junior Clerks. The total decrease is 24 Members, and it is possibly worthy of mention that several Members withdrew from the Association during the period of its temporary removal. There has, therefore, been a steady, though, fortunately, not a great, decrease of Members during the last three years. In 1857 we lost 12 Members, in 1858, 58 Members, and 24 during the present year.

READING ROOM.

We have to note but little change in this department; the attendance of Members has been good as usual; the number of strangers, availing themselves of the privileges accorded to visitors, has been up to the average, and the supply of newspapers is so

liberal as to leave little, if anything, to be wished for. The following is a list of the papers and periodicals now in the Reading Room:

NEWSPAPERS.

CITY PAPERS.

Gazette, Herald, Transcript, Commercial Advertiser, Pilot, Witness, True Witness, Journal of Education, and Semeur Canadien.

BRITISH-AMERICAN PAPERS.

Morning Chronicle, Quebec; Times-Usualiton; Spectator, do.; Times, Aylmer; Gazete, Bytown; Union, Ottawa; Planet, Chatham; News, St. Johns; Enquirer, Three Rivers; Constitutional, St. Catherines; Nova Scotian, Halifax; Globe, Toronto; Echo, do.; Colonist, do.; Chronicle, Kingston; Canada Gazette, Quebec.

AMERICAN PAPERS.

Shipping List, New York; Herald, do.; Tribune, do.; Sun, do.; Journal of Commerce, do.; Scientific American, do.; Observer, do.; Albion, do.; Christian Enquirer, do.; Frank Leslie, do; Daily Traveller, Boston; Ballou's Pictorial, do; Advertiser, Portland; Daily Press, Chicago.

BRITISH PAPERS.

Times, London; Record, do.; Naval and Military Gazette, do.; Economist, do.; Illustrated News, do.; Illustrated Times, do.; Punch, do.; Atheneum, do.; Freeman's Journal, Dublin; Warder, do.; North British Advertiser, Edinburgh; Harald, Glasgow; Willmer & Smith's European Times, Liverpool.

PERIODICALS.

The Art Journal, Once a Week, All the Year Round, Westminster Review, London Quarterly, Edinburgh Review, North British Review, Blackwood's Magazine, Chamber's Journal, Atlantic Monthly, Hunt's Merchants' Magazine, Canada Temperance Advocate.

The Association is indebted to a number of gentlemen for newspaper contributions.

To the Hon. John Rose, Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. A. A. Dorion, and Thomas D'Arcy M'Gee, Esq., M.P.P., the thanks of the Association are due for valuable Parliamentary books and papers.

We procure, as heretofore, the latest telegraphic news. The news, shipping and produce books are regularly and carefully kept by the Superintendents; and Mr. Pennington continues his courtesy in supplying daily reports of produce arriving by the Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. Reid, the Superintendent, is still as ever diligent in the discharge of his duties.

The improved appearance of the rooms since the alterations, has, in the opinion of your Board, contributed not a little to lessen the decrease in our numbers.

CHESS

The lovers of The Royal Game continue their meetings, and many of our Members seem as much captive as ever to the fascinations of the chess board.

CLASSES.

The Hochelaga Debating Club—the only approximation to a class which the Association has recently been able to boast of—brought its meetings to a close somewhat abruptly last session, but it is hoped that it may speedily be revived.

THE BOARD.

Last year the Association elected the following officers: President, G. Grinton; Vice-President, G. Childs; Corresponding

Secretary, W. G. Stethem; Recording Secretary, J. L. Morris; Treasurer, W. T. J. Lawson. Directors—S. J. Lyman, G. H. Macauley, J. Burns, J. M. Hall, W. M'Gill, Geo. Templeton, A. Thomson, D. B. M'Pherson, J. Hingston, and A. M'Gibbon.

The office-bearers still remain, as then,

The list of Directors is now as follows: The list of Directors is now as follows: S. J. Lyman, J. Burns, W. M'Gill, A. Thomson, A. M'Gibbon, J. M. Hall, T. W. Ritchie, J. A. Perkins, T. B. Ross, D. B. M'Pherson.

The Honorary Directors elected for the year were—T. S. Brown, Hon. J. Rose, A. Morris, Hon. L. H. Holton.

RENTAL.

The lease held by the Association for the rooms, as occupied prior to the late alterations, did not expire till May, 1860, but, owing to a special clause, was liable to be broken, providing the proprietor desired to build additions. The erection of the Music build additions. Hall, and consequent alterations, compelled your Board to cancel the old lease; and, after the subject had been fully considered, a new lease for five years was entered on, by which we now rent the present Reading Room, the Committee Room and Library Room on the flat above, with the privilege of having twelve lectures in the large hall free of expense, for the sum of £137 10s. per annum.

LECTURES.

A course of twelve lectures was delivered

by the following gentlemen:

Dec. 23, 1858, The relative Physiology of Animal and Vegetable Nature; one lecture. Prof. Lawson.

Jan. 13 and 14, 1859, Arctic Adventure;

two lectures. Dr. Rae.

Feb. 2, 1859, North-West and Pacific Territory; one lecture. A. Morris, Esq. March 8, 1859, The Geology of Coal; one lecture. Prof. Dawson.

March 25, 1859, Moscow; one lecture. Bayard Taylor, Esq.

March 31, 1859, Physiology of Nations; one lecture. Elihu Burritt, Eso. e lecture. Elihu Burritt, Esq. April 1, 1859, Influence of Commerce;

one lecture. Elihu Burritt, Esq.
June 21, 1859, What a Blind Man saw in England; one lecture. Rev. Mr. Mill-

June 22, 1859, Exploration of the Mississippi; one lecture. Rev. Mr. Millburn. June 23, 1859, Aaron Burr; one lecture. Rev. Mr. Millburn.

Sept. 23, 1859, Robert Burns and Thomas Moore; one lecture. Thomas D'Arcy M'Gee, M.P.P. Total, twelve.

Owing to unavoidable delays of some of the lecturers, the course was prolonged through the summer and was closed by Mr. M'Gee's lecture on the 23d of September.

Your cordial thanks are due to Principal Dawson, A. Morris, Esq., and T. D. Mc-Gee, Esq., M.P.P., who lectured without

charge for the Association. Tickets for the whole course were issued before the delivery Tickets for the of the first lecture; but few of them were sold, and the total profit to the Association is the sum of \$94 87.

With the experience of the past year before them, your Board would not recommend the future institution of courses of lectures at least not as long as lecturing is expected to increase the funds of the Association—as the often occurring difficulty of obtaining good lecturers, except at unseasonable periods, and the necessity for fulfilling the engagements imposed on the Lecture Committee, by the issue of course tickets, usually interferes considerably with the chance of profit to the Association. A few lectures delivered separately and at well chosen periods, would be found much more advantageous in a pecuniary point of view.

LIBRARY.

Here we have nothing encouraging to report. The number of volumes has been stated for the last two years as 3.848. With the exceptions of a few works kindly

presented by friends of the Association, and the "Relations des Jesuits" received from Government, no additions have been made during the past year. On the removal of the Library to temporary rooms and thence to the apartments it now occupies, it became necessary to re-arrange the books. This was effected by the Library Committee without expense, through the aid of several Members, though not without delaying the re-opening

of the Library for a considerable period. This re-arrangement, by compelling a close examination of the books, has forcibly convinced your Board of the utter uselessness of many of the works which now cumber the shelves. That portion of the Library in which the Members seem to take some interest, does not contain more than 300 volumes; and the actual number in constant circulation is little more than 100. Many of the other books are valuable as works of reference, though they are never referred to; and not a few, from their age, quaintness and historic interest, deserve a far better fate than to lie unopened and unappreciated from year to year. Still there is quite a large number of books which might be sold without impairing the usefulness of the Library or exciting a suspicion of sacrilege, and which would, probably, realize a sum not inconsiderable in the present circumstances of this institution. In view of our great need of new and readable books, your Board would recommend that their successors be empowered to make a judicious selection-a selection conducted with the utmost care and consideration; and by disposing of such works as may be deemed advisable, should thus withdraw capital now locked up in books which only take up room, and cost insurance premium, where there is already too little of either space or money to spare, and by investing the proceeds in works of interest, add something to the practical value of the Library.

There can be little doubt that its inefficiency has lost us members, and that un-less an early and vigorous effort is made to improve it, our institution will, in this respect, be speedly left far behind.

FINANCES.

Your Board regrets to announce that the finances still continue in a most unsatisfactory condition. The debt of the Association amounts, as near as can be ascertained, to £453, and the efforts which have been made during the past year to reduce this incum-brance, by means of lectures and concerts, have not attained that object. Deprived of the usual Government grant, and burdened with the expenses necessitated by our removal and the refitting of the rooms, it was the intention of the Board to defray those extra expenses and possibly add some new books to the Library, by a special subscription embracing these two objects, but this was abandoned, as the conviction forced itself on them that the embarrassments of the institution demanded an effort of a much more comprehensive character, and they feared to injure the prospects of a greater effort by prosecuting the lesser one.

Your Board are strongly of opinion that the time has come when the Mercantile Library Association must be placed on an entirely different footing. They feel that a literary institution, struggling to keep its head above water by catering to popular taste in lectures and concerts, and by making periodical appeals to the liberality of the

public, occupies a position which is not only to the last degree undignified, but which certainly defeats one of the principal objects of its organization. Such an Association ought to be a literary power in a community. It should guide public taste, not study its caprices. How far this is possible where the primary consideration is to make a few shillings, those are best able to tell who can contrast the working of this Association with that of others more liberally supported. This, however, is not the only way in which our financial difficulties injure our usefulness. The constant necessity for urging Members and friends to purchase tickets for lectures and concerts, tends to render a connection with the institution burdensome.—the system recoils on itself—while the frequent appeals made to the purses of the mercantile community have inspired a feeling of distrust in an Association which no assistance seems to free from its embarrassments.

There remains to be collected of the present year's subscriptions £23 17s 6d, of which above £12 15s may be considered bad or doubtful. To relieve the Association from several pressing claims, it was decided to collect some of the subscriptions for the approaching year, in advance. This effort resulted in the collection of £29 15s.

CONCLUSION.

Your Board cannot close this Report without pressing on the Members the urgent necessity for taking some steps not only to free the Association from its present debt,

but to secure it from the probable recurrence of a similar calamity. The institution of a subscription list under the exclusive auspices of the Association would not afford more than temporary relief, if it succeeded even to that extent. They would, therefore, advise that a Committee should be appointed, composed of four influential city merchants and four Members of the Association—this Committee to investigate the statements now laid before you, to devise measures for securing the objects already mentioned, and to report the result of their deliberations at an early date.

While we have thus plainly spoken regarding the present condition of the Association, we have no wish to discourage you in your support of it. It is our conviction that once fairly rid of debt, and, to some little extent, prepared for future contingencies, this institution will yet realize all that its founders expected from it. Our aim, therefore, is not to discourage exertion, but to stimulate it. If we succeed in this we have little doubt of the result, and will resign the responsibilities of office, feeling less dissatisfaction with the past and tar better hope for the future.

GEO. GRINTON,

Pres.

J. L. MORRIS, Rec. Sec.

Montreal, Dec. 5, 1859.

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Mercantile Library Association.

A special general meeting of this Association ras held at its reading room, in Nordheimer's Music Hall, Great St. James Street, on Friday evening last. The attendance, though good, was not so large as we had hoped to see. Mr. Geo. W. Stephens, Vier-President, occupied the chair He explained that the object of the meeting was to receive the report of a special Committee composed jointly of merchants and members of the Association, upon the best means of extricating he Society from its present difficulties and placing it upon a more satisfactory basis.

He then proceeded to read the Report of the Committee as follows :-

REPORT :

Your Committee appointed to investigate the position and prospects of the Mercantile Library Association, and to devise means whereby it Association, and to devise means whereby it should be extricated permanently from its present embarrassed position, beg to Report: That with a view of placing before you the affairs of with a view of placing before you the affairs of the Association as completely as possible, it is necessary to commence at as early a date as the records at the disposal of the Committee will permit. On the 27m day of November, 1840, the first meeting was held for the purpose of orga-nising a Society, which should afford to the young men of Montreal engaged in commercial pursuits, opportunities for mental advancement. In January, 1841, a Provisional Board of Direc-tors was appointed, and the first orders sent for papers and periodicals. The number of members was one hundred and thirty. In 1843 the Act of papers and periodicals. The number of members was one hundred and thirty. In 1843 the Act of Incorporation was obtained. Its preamble states that the Association was established for the purpose of forming a Library and Reading Room, and for organising a system of instruction by means of lectures and classes, for the use of such Mercantile clerks and others as might hereafter become members thereof. From the date of its Incorporation to the present time, only five years can be cited in which the subscriptions years can be cited in which the substantial bave been adequate for its maintenance, as is shown by Table No. 1. The only way in which has managed to exist, has been shown by Table No. 1. The only way in which the Association has managed to exist, has been through special appeals, and the precarious revenue derived from extraordinary efforts in the way of lectures and concerts. Table No. 3 shews the proportion of support extended by merchants and clerks to the Association since its foundation. It appears that in a period of sixteen years the clerks' subscriptions exceed those of the merchants' by twenty-one hundred and sixty-six dollars. It is a remarkable fact that while, our city has been progressing steadily in populasix dollars. It is a remarkable fact that while our city has been progressing steadily in population and commercial importance, the subscription list of the Association, for the year 1843, is greater by five hundred dollars than that of 1858, and five hundred and sixty-two dollars greater than that of the present year. While our city has doubled in population, the Association numbers fewer members than before. It appears that the Association has not been supported by the clerks in the same proportion as the mer-chants. How far this state of things is to be attributed to a want of interest and enterprise amongst the clerks is not for Your Committee to decide. There is no doubt that the institution decide. There is no doubt that the institution has never been so attractive and useful to clerks as it may be made. A Library of entertaining titerature supplied with every new and interesting publication of the day, Lectures on various literary and scientific subjects. Classes for mutual improvement, a well stocked News Room supplied with the best journels and periodicals—some of these attractions have been wanting, and the others have been but imperfectly mainsome of these attractions have used wanted tained. Your Committee regards these deficiencies as the principal causes of the want of interest displayed by clerks in the Association.

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prises find the property of tractors for land the property of tractors for land the liabilities of the Association amount to eighteen hundred and seventy dollars. Beagoning from past experience, the liquidation of this debt, by special subscription, will but afford temporary relief. The revenues of the Association seem to be insufficient, as it is at present conducted. The lectures afford no reliable revenue. There is no surplus find to Association seem to be insumment, as it is a present conducted. The lectures afford no reliable revenue. There is no surplus fund to enable the Directors to add to the attraction of the Library—by the annual purchase of new books. The Institution may continue to exist in its present state for a time, but it will fail in its present state for a time, but it will fail in its original objects, so long as there is no sur-plus revenue. While it does not possess the plus revenue. While it does not possess the same advantages as are enjoyed by all prosperous and useful associations, it must continue to languish. Your Committee are of opinion that an effort should be made to erect a building associative designed for the purposes of the Instithat an effort should be made to erect a building specially designed for the purposes of the Institution. With ample library, lecture, class, and news rooms, a building properly constructed and in a desirable locality, would yield an ample revenue. Without an independent revenue the Association must fail to accomplish much of the revenue. Without an independent revenue.

Association must fail to accomplish much of the Association must fail to accomplish much of the good for which it was founded. The acquiring of a building of their own depends entirely upon the clerks themselves. Unless they show sufficient laterest in the enterprise, and make a vigorous effort, there is little hope of success.

Your Committee recommend that a subscription list be circulated among the young men of Montreal engaged in commercial pursuits for the purpose of paying off the present debt, and also to contribute towards a fund for the erection of a new building. Let every clerk, member or not, be asked to assist in the undertaking. When it is escertained how far the clerks are willing to assist, the merchants will decide to what extent they are willing to encourage the undertaking. If the clerks perform their part, your Committee are confident that an appeal to the merchants will be nobly answered. The Mechanics Institute owes its present prosperity to their munificence, and it is not unreasonable to infer that they will be equally liberal towards an Institution designed for the special benefit of their clerks. There is no class of institutions more important to the community than those an Institution designed for the special collection of their clerks. There is no class of institutions more important to the community than those which furnish profitable attractions to young men. To those without homes, a well conducted literary association is invaluable. The Library, with its ample stores of information, the News Room, supplied with the best journals and periodicals of the day, the lecture and class rooms, each conducted by men of talent—these are powerful agents in moral improveclass rooms, each conducted by men of talent—
these are powerful agents in moral improvement. These advantages can only be secured
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. STEPHENS,

Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN then proceeded to state the views of the Directors with regard to the report of the special Committee. He said the recommendations of the report simply were-make a vigorous effort for yourselves, and if you succeed assistance is promised from others. The initiative must be taken by members of the Association. He proceeded to point out imperfections in the past management, the book-keeping, &c., of the Association, and the consequent difficulties attendant upon an investigation of its affairs. Experience shewed them that to maintain itself the Association required some fund additional to the revenue arising from its annual subscriptions. And the Committee has furnished an assurance that if the members exerted themselves on their own behalf this would be raised. They very justly say on behalf of the mercantile community-" first shew us that you can manage your own affairs in a businesslike manner, and we will then assist you in securing a permanent revenue or a new building. They maintain, and justly, that the present state of the Association can only be attributed to a lamentable want of interest in it among the young men for whose benefit it is intended. He recommended on behalf of the Directors that a Committee should be formed and subscriptions solicited among the young men to liquidate the debt, payable only on condition that a sufficient sum should be raised. If that effort succeeded they would have proved that they were worthy of support from without, and he was sure that the merchants of Mentreal, always generous in a good cause, would assist to erect them a builing of which they might all feel proud. If the effort failed, the result must be evident to them all. The board of Directors had resolved, in that case, to resign their trust. They could not consent again to come before the Association at the end of the year and say "Gentlemen, all the past year we have been struggling to keep our heads above water—and we have succeeded! Voila tou! If some change could not be made for the better; if the members were not willing to cooperate with the directors, heartily and zealousmerchants of Mentreal, always generous in a with the directors, heartily and zealously, to effect such a change, then they must en-trust others with the management of their affairs.

An average subscription of five or six dollars from each member, would free the Association from debt. Many years ago, when the Society was first founded, a young man receiving a salary of ten pounds a year, gave two pounds of it to the Association as his subscription. He is now a leading citizen. The directors hoped the young men of Montreal had not degenerated. If they emulated the spirit of the founders of the Association, all would go well with it. If they would but free the Society from debt, the directors pledge themselves to carry the Association through the year, and leave its affairs in a prosperous condition. Until that was done, nothing satisfactory could be done. If they succeeded in establishing the Institution upon a satisfactory, permanent basis, generations yet to come would bless and praise them. If they failed, it would be through sheer neglect and indifference, would bless and praise them. It they lained, it would be through sheer neglect and indifference, and would be a lasting disgrace to them.

Mr. SCHOLES asked who were on the Committee who framed the report and how many of

them had signed it?
The CHAIRMAN said the Hon. John Young, the Hon. L. H. Holton, Mr. Cramp, Mr. F. W. Torrance, Mr. Edmonstone and Mr. Mitchell Torrance, Mr. Edmonstone and Mr. Mitchell, were named to act on behalf of the general public, with Messrs. T. S. Brown, Childs, G. W. Stephens and S. J. Lyman, on behalf of the Association. Of these, Messrs. Young, Holton, and Cramp, alone had acted on behalf of the citizens—one of the other gentlemen declining to act, and the others not attending. On behalf of the Association Mr. Childs and himself had alone acted—Mr. Lyman meving been present at one meeting for a few minutes only. The active members of the Committee had had several meetings, and had concurred in the views ral meetings, and had concurred in the views embodied in the report which he was authorized

wr. J. LEWIS then moved, seconded by Mr. THOMAS that the report be received, which was

agreed to.
Mr. LEWIS said he was disappointed in the report. He had hoped some new plan would have been suggested whereby the attractions, and the revenues of the association might at the and the revenues of the association might at the same time be increased. It was only proposed to raise a subscription to pay off the old debt—and old process tried often before,—and then go on next year to run in debt again. Beyond this nothing was distinctly proposed, no definite assurance of a better position given.

Mr. J. L. MORRIS heartly concurred in the report. He thought it clearly enough set forth what it was expedient to do. Application was first to be made to the members, and next to the

first to be made to the members, and next to the young men interested in the success of the institution to furnish the necessary funds to pay off the debt, and show that they felt an interest in keeping up the institution. After that they would apply to the merchants, and the community generally to raise them a permanent fund. But if the young men of Montreal did not feel enough interest in the matter to do this much for themselves, why should the Merchants do anything to assist them.

Mr. LEWIS said this had been done repeated-

ly before. It was no new suggestion to them that if they chose to put their hands in their pockets and pay out ten dollars each they could free the association from debt, but what they wanted was some guarantee it would not fall

behind again.

Mr. STETHEM said a few liberal men had Mr. STETHEM said a few liberal men had given before till they were tired of it, helping people who would not help themselves. There never had been a sufficiently general effort among the members to set things right. A few had borne the pecuniary burthen; the others had reaped the benefit without making any sacrifice. Mr. SCHOLES complained that the Directors had reaped the semantic properties.

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Mr. STEELE having remarked that there was no motion before the chair,
Mr. STETHEM, seconded by Mr. McGILL,
moved the adoption of the report.
Ms. BAXTER after complaining of the inexactness of the tables of revenue and expenditure
in the several years accompanying the report,
added that he concurred with Mr. Lewis. He
had hope I that the Committee would have reported upon some means by which the Society ported upon some means by which the Society would attract more members and become self supporting. The experience of 16 years shewed that it fell behind on an average from £30 to £32 each year, requiring periodical spasmodic efforts to wipe off arrearages.

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Mr. R. THOMAS believed that with proper, effective management the ordinary revenues of the Society might be made sufficient to support it; that it could be put out of debt now and kept out afterwards if the Directors used proper ex-

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Mr. THOMAS continued—This is a state of when he left in 1857, had a revenue of £427—it had now declined to £319 5s. This shewed that had now declined to £319 5s. This snewed that £100 of revenue had been lost from a falling off in subscriptions in the last two years. Proper canvassing of the city, properly sustained exertion might have prevented this and could remedy

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Mr. REES was convinced that the old plan of a personal canvass by the Directors at the beginning of the year would bring things right, and it was the only way in which it could be done. One year when he served on the Board, himself and two other directors got 117 new members in the district allotted to them.

Mt. STEEL did not see the need of the discussion of the respective merits of successive boards. The debt was there, and had to be met. It was less than \$2000 and 500 members—they ought to have, and could easily have that number,—giving four dollars a piece, a sum any of them would spend in a week in idle amusements or gratifications, would free the Association of debt. He thought it doubtful if, as a rule, the current subsciption list could be made year by year to meet the expenses.

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Mr. S. J. LYMAN thought, with Mr. Thomas, that with proper exertions the annual revenues from subscriptions could be made to meet its current expenses. 450 members would make it self supporting, and he was sure they could get that number. But he heartily concurred with the recommendation of the Committee of a special effort to meet the present emergency. The the recommendation of the Committee of a special effort to meet the present emergency. The directors could not do everything. It was only by the manifestation of interest by every member of the Association that it could be made to prosper. He had been present at lectures under the auspices of the Association, at which, besides the directors, he could only discover four members present. Now such apathy must kill any society. Each member should remember the Association had been founded for his benefit, and work for its success. work for its success.

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Mr. LEWIS objected to pay anything further towards wiping out old debts, unless upon some definite assurance that the building fund would be forthcoming.

Mr. STEEL thought it strange that members of the Association should object to pay their debts unless upon the assurance they were to have a gift bestowed upon them. And this proposed building or other endowment fund would make up just what was lacking in future years in the ordinary revenues.

Mr. LEWIS said the Association was founded as much for merchants as clerks; they were as much called upon to aid to wipe out the debt.

The CHAIRMAN said if they first helped themselves, and only if they did so, could they ask assistance from non-members with any good grace. Suppose a canvass for new members started now,—and the directors were anxious it should be done—the answer would be "your library is not such as we care to subscribe to. You want our money to pay off your old debt. should be done—the answer would be "your library is not such as we care to subscribe to. You want our money to pay off your old debt. It will be better for us to subscribe elsewhere." Now pay off the debt first, then canvass for new subscribers assure them their money will go to furnish modern books—current literature to the library, and there would be good hope of success. The directors had received a letter from a reverend gentleman making the proposition that they should receive a certain number of subscribers taking their subscription in newly published works to be approved of, and the proposition might be entertained if the debt were paid off, and thus the library made a great object of attraction.

Mr. BAXTER moved an amendment, which after some further discussion was put and lost, and the motion for the adoption put and carried.

Mr P. D. BROWN then moved, seconded by Mr. J. M. HALL that a Committee of twelve members of the association, with the "President for Chairman, be appointed by this meeting to divide the subscription list of the association amongst them, and appeal to the members for subscriptions to liquidate the present debt of the association, and at the same time an effort be made by the Committee to procure new subscriptions, such Committee to report within one month; and to consist of Meesre. R. Thomas, D. Rees, G. Templeton, A. Milloy, Theodore Lyman, J. Barry, G. Childs, J. Campbell, J. DeWitt, T. S. Brown, J. S. Stalker and R. McLennau. Carried.

The CHAIRMAN stated on behalf of the directors that Mr. Childs had resigned his place as President, and the Board had elected the Hon. Mr. Young to fill the place. He regretted to say, however, that Mr. Young had written them to say that it was impossible for him at present to undertake the duties of the office. The directors would forthwith make a new effort to supply the vacancy. They would use their best endeavors to persuade Mr. Childs to reconsider his determination, and consent to serve the Association in the position to which he was elected. After some further conversation, the meeting adjourned. adjourned.

Mercantile Library Association MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

(Reported for the Herald.)

A special meeting of the members of this Association was held in their rooms on Friday evening, to receive and consider the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the causes of its present embarrassed state, and to propose means whereby it should be permanently placed on a favourable basis.

Mr. G. W. Stephens, Vice-President of the Association, took the chair.

A large and influential assemblage of the mambers were present.

The Chairman having explained the object of the meeting, read the following report :-

REPORT : Your Committee appointed to investigate the

position and prospects of the Mercantile Library Association, and to devise means whereby it should be extricated permanently from its present embarrassed position, beg to Report: That with a view of placing before you the affairs of the Association. with a view of placing before you the affairs of the Association as complete as possible, it is necessary to commence at as early a date as the records at the disposal of the Committee will permit. On the 27th day of November, 1840, the first meeting was held for the purpose of organising a Society, which should afford to the young men of Montreal engaged in commercial purposit, apportunities for mental advancement. pursuit, opportunities for mental advancement. In January, 1841, a Provisional Board of Directors was appointed, and the first orders sent for papers and periodicals. The number of members was one hundred and thirty. In 1843 the Act of Incorporation was obtained. Its preamble of Incorporation was obtained. Its preamble states that the Association was established for the purpose of forming a Library and Reading Room, and for organising a system of instruction by means of lectures and classes, for the use of such Mercantile clerks and others as might hereafter become members thereof. From the date of its Incorporation to the present time, only five years can be cited in which the subscriptions have been adequate for its maintenance. As is shown by Table No. 1. The only ance. As is shown by Table No. 1. The only way in which the Association has managed to exist, has been through special appeals, and the precarious revenue derived from extraordinary efforts in the way of lectures and concerts.— No. 3 shows the proportion of support Table No. 3 shows the proportion of supportented by merchants and clerks to the Association since its foundation. It appears that in a period of sixteen years the clerks' subscriptions exceed those of the merchants' by twentyone hundred and sixty-six dollars. It is a reone hundred and sixty-six dollars. It is a re-markable fact that while our city has been progressing steadily in population and com-mercial importance, the subscription list of the Association for the year 1858, is greater by five hundred dollars than that of 1859, and five bundred and sixty-two dollars greater than that of the present year. While our city has doubled in population, the Association numbers fewer members than before. It appears that the Association has not been supported by the clerks in the same proportion as the mer-chants. How far this state of things is to be attributed to a want of interest and amongst the clerks is not for your Committee to decide. There is no doubt that the institution has never been so attractive and useful to tion has never been so attractive and useful to clerks as it may be made. A Library of enter-taining literature supplied with every new and interesting publication of the day. Lectures on various literary and scientific subjects. Classes for mutual improvement. A well stocked News Room supplied with the best inversale and reviedingly. journals and periodicals. Some of these attractions have been wanting, and the others have been but imperfectly maintained. Your Committee regards these deficiencies as the principal cause, of the want of interest displayed by clerks in the Association. These attractions might all have been procured, if the revenues of the Association had been sufficient. Your Committee find that up to the first of Decemb-ber last the liabilities of the Association amount to eighteen hundred and seventy dollars. Reasoning from past experience, the liquidation of this debt, by special subscription, will but afford temporary relief. The revenues of the Association seem to be insufficient, as it is at present conducted. The lectures afford no reliable revenue. There is no surplus fund to enable the Directors to add to the attraction of the Library—by the annual purchase of new books. The Institution may continue to exist in its present state for a time, but it will fail in its original object, so long as there is no surplus revenue. While it does not possess the same advantages as are enjoyed by all prosperous and useful associations, it must continue to languish. Your Committee are of opinion that an effort should be made to erect a building especially designed to the purpose of the Institution.

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With ample library, lecture, class, and news room, a building properly constructed and in a desirable locality, would yield an ample revenue. Without an independent reample revenue. Without an independent revenue the Association must fail to accomplish much of the good for which it was founded. much of the good for which it was a The acquiring of a building of their own de-pends entirely upon the clerks themselves. Unless they show sufficient interest in the enterprise, and make a vigorous effort, there is little hope of success. Your Committee recommend that a subscription list be circulated among the young men of Montreal engaged in among the young men or motivest engaged or commercial pursuits for the purpose of paying off the present debt, and also to contribute towards a fund for the erection of a new building. Let every clerk, member or not, be asked to assist in the undertaking, the next asked to assist the merchants will decide to willing to assist, the merchants will decide to what extent they are willing to encourage the undertaking. If the clerks perform their part, your Committee are confident that an appeal to the merchants will be nobly answered. The Mechanics' Institute owes its present prosperity to their munificence, and it is not unreasonable to infer that they will be equally liberal towards an Institution designed for the special benefit of their clerks. There is no class of institutions of their clerks. There is no class of institutions more important to the community than those which furnish profitable attractions to young men. To those without homes, a well conducted literary association is invaluable. The Library, with its ample stores of information. The News Room, supplied with the best journals and periodicals of the day. The lecture and class room, each conducted by men of talent. These are powerful agents on moral improvement. These advantages can only be secured ment. These advantages can only be secured by an ample endowment fund. Merchants are frequent sufferers from the misconduct of their Hence the importance to them, of liberally encouraging an Association, whose design is to elevate and improve young men. Innocent amusement and entertaining occupation must be invested with every interest, to contend suc-cessfully against vice and dissipation. Upon the intelligence and cultivation of the rising generation of clerks, depends much of the future character of our merchants-the chants of Montreal have already gained, by their skill and enterprise, an enviable reputa-tion. And as it is to be maintained by clerks how important it is that every facility should be afforded them for improvement. By affording clerks the most improved means for literary cultivation, they are being prepared to main-tain creditably the present high character of our merchants. With eminent lecturers to instruct them in commercial law-with facilities struct them in commercial law—with facilities for holding evening classes for instruction in various branches of knowledge—incalculable various branches of knowledge—incalculable good would be effected. Give them access to a well-stocked library, from which they could store their minds with valuable information, and the object will be attained. If the clerks are determined to make a vigorous effort to secure these advantages were Committee feels. secure these advantages, your Committee feels confident that the merchants of Montreal,

always ready to promote enterprises of merit, will not be appealed to in vain.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. STEPHENS,

He then read a report of the Board of Directors, drawn up in the month of December last. with reference to the position in which the Association is placed, but he stated that, on that report there was no action to be taken.

Mr. Stephens, speaking on behalf of the

Board of Directors, said—
Gentlemen, you have just heard the report of your Special Committee, and we would now like to express our opinions upon it in order that you may consider them. The recommendations of the report are simply these: Make a vigoror the report are simply these: Make a vigorous effort yourselves, and, if you succeed, assistance is promised. The initiative must be taken by the members of the Association. In the course of our conference with the merchants who have been associated with us, much has transpired to show them that there has been great neglect in the management of our affairs. We have existed for sixteen years and there has never been a regular set of books for the ac-counts of the Association. Indeed, we need counts of the Association. Indeed, we need not go farther back than the past year to find an instance of great neglect. A set of books were opened up and they have been handed over to us, posted for the year 1855. It was only last Monday that we succeeded in getting a portion of the books and papers of the Assocition. Yesterday we received the cash book and other papers. The accounts of the Asso-ciation have been kept in a careless manner.— In most cases the onlyway in which transactions are settled is by oral tradition. The members of the Association have themselves to blame for not attending more closely to the election of their officers. Many good men are elected, but their influence is neutralised by the incapacity and indifference of their associates. The true friends of the Association are disgusted and gradually loose all interest in your affairs.

Many of the old and valued servants of the Many of the old and valued servants of the institution present to-night will, I have no doubt, confirm me in this opinion. The remedy for this evil is an easy one. Let the older members of the Association exhibit an interest in its affairs and use their influence to elect competent officers at each annual election. Solvet only tried and valuable men to election. Select only tried and valuable men to conduct your affairs, and success is certain. Experience has shewn us that the Association requires a surplus fund independent of our subscription list. Your Committee has assured us that if we show sufficient interest we can secure this. They justly say, first show us that you can manage your affairs in a business-like manner and we will then assist you in procuring a new building and ample revenue. They maintain, and justly too, that there is a lamentable want of interest amongst the class for whose special benefit the Association is inelection. Select only tried and valuable men to lamentable want of interest amongst the class for whose special benefit the Association is intended. Now, gentlemen, it is for you to decide whether by a little exertion you will secure these advantages. It remains with you to decide whether the present incubus which paralyses the institution, shall be removed. Prove by action that you are resolved to demonstrate to the merchants of Montreal your interest in the Association. Let several committees be formed from amongst you this evening, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions from each of our members—the proceeds to be applied to the liquidation of our proceeds to be applied to the liquidation of our present debt. Let it be understood that unless present debt. Let it be indefined that the whole amount is raised, the subscription will be null and void. This is the only the whole amount is raised, the subscription will be null and void. This is the only plan upon which there is any dependance to be placed. If it succeeds we will have proved that we are worthy of support—and I am sure that the merchants of Montreal always generous in a good cause, will assist us to erect a building of which we may all feel proud. If our plan fails the result must be evident to all. Your directors have resolved that they will resign into your hands the affairs of the Association, if their appeal is not heartily responded to. We are willing to make all reasonable sacrifices for the welfare of not heartily responded to. We are willing to make all reasonable sacrifices for the welfare of the Association. But we have seen the effect of debt on previous reports. At the end of the year we could only come before you and say— Gentlemen: all the past year we have been we have succeeded. No, gentlemen, we wish to record material progress this year. It is a leap year, and we are resolved that if a change is made it shall be for the better. If we are to remain stationary, you must entrust others with the charge. Our metto is "onward right onward" and we pledge ourselves to carry the Association on prosperously—if you will but assist us in the good work. It cannot be possible that the young men of Montreal will suffer the Association to die. We do not ask impossibilities—an average subscription of six dollars from each number will free us from dollars from each number will free us from debt. Many years ago when the institution was founded, a young man who was receiving a salary of ten pounds a year, paid to the Association eight dollars a year as his subscription.I need not tell you thatth is young man is one of our most prominent citizens to-day. We trust that the young men of the present day have not degenerated. If we emulate the spirit of the founders of the Association all will yet go well. The result of this meeting will show whether we are worthy of our ancestors. This Association, properly conducted, is intended to confer upon us incalculable advantages. It is not for our particular advantage alone—posterity has claims upon us. If we succeed in firmly establishing the Association, the generations which come after us will speak admiringly of our efforts. If we fail it will be from sheer indifference and criminal neglect. Our coat-of-arms will go down to posterity with a foul blot upon it.

A long discussion followed, based upon the first report. Several members made different suggestions, and the evening was taken up in this manner and in asking questions, till about halfpast 10 o'clock, when the following resolution was proposed :-

tethem, seconded by Mr. McGill: Moved by Mr. Stethem,

"That the Report of the Special Committee appointed at the annual meeting be now adop-Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hall:

"That a Committee of 12 members of the Association, with the President as Chairman, be appointed at this meeting, and that they divide the subscription list of the Association between them, and appeal to the members for subscriptions to liquidate the present debt; any that at the same time an effort be made by the Committee to present new subscribers, and that Committee to procure new subscribers, and that they present a report within a month. Car-ried.

The proceedings terminated about a quarter past 11 C'clock.

Montre & Fronday Evening. 12 Weekmber 1839 -I fount Board meeting in comection with the association was held this sisning in the Immittes Rooms.

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Mercantile Library Association.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF BIRECTION, MAY 7,

GENTLEMEN, — We have much pleasure in stating to you the fact that our Association has progressed favorably during the past half year. We have to notice an increase of members of 310 over last year.

Those Members of the Association deserve your hearty thanks who have, by their exertions, contributed to this success; and, we hope that members generally will continue their efforts for the advantage of the Association. The Reading Room has been thorougly revised and several changes have been made. Some new and desirable journals have been added to our files.

While the same amount of news is supplied, quite an item has been saved more expenditure upon this department.

An addition of one hundred and forty three new volumes has been made to the Library, and your Board are resolved to keep its shelves supplied with such works of merit as may from time to time appear. Some books have been sold at auction. These consisted entirely of duplicates and incomplete works. The issue of

books has largely increased since their removal to the present Library.

On the evening of the 12th March, the following resolution was passed, viz:—That ladies tickets should begisned at \$2 per annum, which tickets should confer upon the purchasers the privilege of attending the lectures of the Association, and also the use of the Library, subject to the same regulations as are now in force towards gentlemen members. The want of a suitable room for library purposes has been a serious drawback, and, your Board, in anticipation of a considerable increase of members, has made arrangements to secure a convenient and well lit room for the use of the Library.

The Licture Committee have added to the funds of the Association \$165. A course of six lectures is provided to be delivered before the close of our official years.

The Class Committee have succeeded in organizing a Debating Club, to be in readiness for the coming season.

Uhe finances are in a prosperous condition. The statement of disclibition, submitted at the last annual meeting, shewed our indebtedness to be \$1812. The present debt amounts to \$1569. Our liabilities are therefore reduced \$294 during the past half year. The restimated revenue for the coming six months amounts to \$1685; and the estimated expenditure for the same period is nine hundred dollars.

The Special Committee appointed to devise measures for the liquidation of the present debt of the Association, have not yet reported action in the matter.

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An adjourned of the Board of Directors of Mercantile
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There were present:

M. J. L. Steele who occupied the chair and the following directors: Mess! Caldecott, Livingston Hall, Gerright
Biowne, Milloy, Thomas and angus
The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read and approved! The resignation by Mr John Patton of the Ofice of Coverfording Secretary Conveyed by letter addressed to the Recording Secretary was received by the Board. a letter from Mess a & Northerner, requesting payment of arrears of rent, was referred to finance Committee. The president read the following Report of the Committee appointed to Justian Subscription Lists for liquidation of geht - and to report on the Exact amount of the delts due to the local frees and the most advantagers terms on which they could be discharged: Your Committee prepared a form of Subscription List in accordance with instructions received at last board Meeting; and the fifty Copies now presented for your approval have been Elegantly frinted by Mr Holas, free of Charge "in Consideration, as he Kindly observes, You committee previous to waiting upon the local Creditors of the association were quite agreed whon the course it was desirable to passue. They consider that in order to be favourably listened to, it would be well to be in a position to offer terms of unimediate Settlement and to assume the responsibility of acting for the association to that End. They also Considered that as it was particularly desirable to

retain the good will of the local press, that the hardest terms were not to be insisted on and that while they should such such proposal should be accompanied by offers of high Membershy in part settlement of accounts.

Having adopted this plan your Committee are enabled to lay on the table this evening the accounts of all the News paper proprietors of Monkeal discharged in full and on terms which they hope will meet with your approach, but: Herald account to 1st Dec. 1860 \$ 254.21 Faid by Cash \$100 two hife Memberships 100 Account 54.21 254.21 Carethe Account to 1st Dec. 1860

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'Spour Committee are imable to report definitely upon Malter's account but are of opinion that it may be southed by a lefe Membership".

' your Committee feel bound to report that all the gentlemen with whom they have had oceasion to come in contact in with throughout these pregotiations have manifested a very liberal Shirit in their dealins and have Endlessed themseldes · liberal Spirit in their dealings and have Expressed themselves " Solicitons for the future welfare of the Association"

" All of which is respectfully Submitted

" " " Luy o Chairman of Committee a motion that the Report be adopted was carried inaumously It was Explained by Mr. angus that not only did the The was implained by Mr. Angus that not only did the glede Conduct he major hait of the negotiations mentioned in the Report but that he also arranged the Decuriary means by which the Splendid result had been accomplished a vote of thanks to the president was therefore agreed to for the prompt action he had taken in this matter and for the generous Example he had set in making the first inroad whom the delate which we are now in Konows bound to extinguish —

"Hoved by Mr Thomas and seconded by Mr. Caldworth "That the Secretary he requested to give written notice to the flewspapes proprietors with whom we do business "that the association being desirons of harring Cash for " that the association, being desirons of paying cash for all future constracts, will not be responsible for delts the Secretary was also instructed to notify the Superintendent to that effect. Drowne seconded by M. Sweirewright Mr Thomas & Mr angus were appointed to he prepare a Circular to be addressed to the members prepagatory to the Canvais for Subscriptions in payment

It was agreed that the Sale of Newspapers and periodical, should take place on Thursday or Friday Evening, and the News Room Committee undertook to make the necessary avangements. Office of Courseponding Secretary vacant by resignation Metalian Niven was Elected a director in room
of the Caldeert who accepted the office of Courseponding Secretary
The Meeting then adjournally
Allending Secretary.

Recording Secretary. - Wednesday Evening 26th December 1860 In behalf of Mr. Thomas and himself Mr. angus reported that, in adeofdance with instructions received from lash meeting of the Board they had prepared a Cheular to be esqued Ito the members of the Association in reference to the Subscription for liquidation of the debt. The Circular was read and approved and ordered to Mr. angus further reported that 700 Copies of this

Cicular had been printed and placed in invelopes by Mother twell free of Charge Motorell having internated his desire to make that Contribution towards the object the diedors had in view M' Stalker moved that the Secretary be and is hereby for his generous assistance. Motion agreed to the Directors the Diesident reported that he had received a Note from Mestalker intimating his willingness to accept a Life Membership in Settlement of his account The president having reported that Mr. Mactiven furto had left the room I was degions of relinguishing his Office of Treasures - before the motion of Me Stalker Seconded by Mitingston it was regolved, that the resignation of Mr. Macliven he accepted and that the thanks of the Idirectors are hereby tendered to him for his long and faithful Services to the Association __ When the Motion of Meringston seconded by Mr. Angus M. Sierwight was unanimonshy Chosen to fill the Office of Juasurer.

M. P. Maelyen was Elected Director in soom of M. Sierwight who had accepted the Office of Juasurer. - List of members of the Association were distributed among the Priestors present for the purpose of the Can rap which it was ...
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March by Mr Thomas and seconded by In Calderal that Mr Sivingstond all as Sweeter faction in the absence of Mrs for his. Jankie D. Mefro Galders & Swingstond Sheele Genowight and Thomas reported fragress in the carraring sowands the Signidation of the sell, the françache homando which were considered nerg satisfactory and meaninging. It synaphical report by the fresidnes was Amderet Whi Minon the recomply elected Director respecting the france day of the Board since their election by office. There being some of the Airectors not get supplied with and sists, it was Moved by Mr faldered and seconded by Mr Thomas that I the superintendent A method to frepard siche for those Directors who have not get here sufflied, and that the same fortherith. Januight madled to commence for the Inesident read a beder from IN Shephinsbergy that the Library he apon at all hours of the day and mening for the gerray convenience of toit. members which was referred to the Sibrary formitte.

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On makion of Mr Sinonight (who fresided) a report that it was the desire of swend morn heris of the association that the "Rando & Military Jazette be resubscribed for Gerondel by Mr Thomas that the fornesponding secretary be instructed to reorder the hand Military Jazether franceded that the Subscription to the Same do not speed bight dollars for amum)
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Mored by Mr Thomas and famile that the Howard he affectly inhimated to Millians the lake Treasures of the Association that he hand the books of the accountern duly anached heford formally handing them over to the new Inexsurer. I'm Maned by Mr Thomas and seconded by Mr Newson that when we do adjoinin me do adjoined All Monday svening next the fourtenth mestant Moned by Mr Thomas and Seconded by Mufalulod that me adjourn dill Manday. wening next at Eight belack. James John fumgetone for Secretary And the Confirmed
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Monday 14th January, 1861. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile library Association was held this evening. Present, The President, Messes Thomas, Lyman, diewwright of Stalker. In the absence of the Recording Secretary it was unanimously resolved that Mor. Sievwright ouch as Secretary. The minutes of last meeting were read und confirmed with the following substitute in reference to the Treasurer " her Thomas moved, Seconded by Mon hivin, That the Cornesponding decretary, in converging the vote of thanks of this Board to our late Treasurer. Im mc Even, he be requested to intimate that Mr Servinght has been duly appointed his successor, to whom he be respectfully requested to hand over the books, duly audited in the customary way, by the auditers bresses lewis & Kingan. The following reports were received from the Coursessers: to call declined to amount upon again subscribe subscribe subscribe 100.00 called upon From The President of Caldecott 10 4 6 48.00 20 4 2 2 5400 ausevuright-8 2 6 3 11.00 d. Staller 11 Total \$ 243.00 Me Eyman reported having, at the request of the President, written to Mon Gough, reminding him of his pledge to betwee before the association on "London", and enquiring when it would be convenient to visit Montreal for the purpose of lecturing, and to state his termo. approved

The President submitted the following new liet of Special Committees for 1860-61, rendered necessary on account of several Changes on the Board :-1 - library -- Lecture -R. Thomas d. Caldrett I loves Lyman J. a. Perkins for A. Millor W. Nivir - Hading Room -- blass d. Staller I. Brown R. B. angus I Living Stone I. W. Hall. I. M. Cowen - Finance J. L. Steele U. M. Leirinight of Hughlow. There being no other business the meeting adjourned — A. M. Chirwright A. M. Chiowright Sec. protein. Montreal. Confurmed 4 h February 1861 Am Sionwight lee. See. proton

Montreal, 4" Hebruary 1861 A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Present, - The President, Meens him, Giringstone, Mall, Survivight, Lyman, Caldecott, Milley, Stalker, lingus Mor dieveright, in the absence of hir. Perthins, was appointed Vecretary, to tom The Minutes of last (meeting) were read. and confirmed. The following reports were recieved from The Canvassors :-Called to call declined subscribe amounts
The President upon again to subscribe 1 50.00

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I. Livingstone 24 19 3 2 30.00 Mor Lyman was requested to telegraph to I.B. Lough Esy, at Voronto, custing when he can deliver his (promised) lecture on London.

Mon Caldecoll workefurted that the "hard of Military Sugette" which he was instructed to procure, provided the subscription did not expeed \$8.) could not be had at less than \$10.50 .. -It was moved by hm. Brown seconder by how hivin, that the lecording decretary be instructed to order the "hand & hilitary Sagette" at the last named rate of subscription There being no ther business, the meeting then adjourned, Ameliannight. Sea. mo. tem.

Montreal, 1 th March 1961 at. The regular monthly meeting of the Board. held tonight there were present:Mesers sherwright, livingstone, Houll,
Michower, & Stalker, & Lyman.
In the absence of the Bresident, forthe bity, and there bring no business to be brought before the meeting, a motion of adjournment was personnely carried allesherright-

Montreal, 177 aprice, 1801.
This Evening, the board of the Mercantile library association held its regular monthly monthly meeting. Present the President, hesers Brown, Thomas Lyman, augus, Livingetone VHall. I. Mo. Chall was appointed secretary protein. Minutes of H" Fely and Ht March, read and approved A Letter was readined from S. Caldecott Exgr. resigning his office as Carresponding Secretary, and seal on the Board, owing to his expected removal from the City. On motion of hm Hall, seconded by his Thomas, Am baldecott was to be requested to withdraw. his resignation, as he has since decided on remaining in the City. Carried -A letter was read from hor. Perkins, resigning the office of Recording Secretary, and Seat on the board, owing to other pressing duties. moved by hir Thomas, seconded by hir angus, that Mor. Perkins 'resignation be received, and that the thanks of the Board be tendered to him for his able and efficient Services during the time he has served, as member, and secretary of the Board - carried, A letter was read from the b. It knoted buckers of for subscription to the Quebec Chronicle (1812) referred to Reading Room Committees, A letter mas read from knesses A & S hordleiner regarding the sent in arrear. for our Cooms - Referred to Finance Committee. A letter was read from mepro Wilmer

and furthe regarding their are and stating that they had drawn on the Association at 30 days sight for £ 24.16.11 Sty. Seferred to Finance Committee. The following reports regarding collections was then made: aggregate amount subscribed by Board \$412.00 95.00 S. Caldecott from 10 persons J. a. Perknis fr " H " 30.00 P. D. Brown " 1". G. L. Sleete " 3". 20.00 150.00 Miringetone fr. 50.00 50.50 Ausierwright " 50.50 \$ 857.50 On motion the Board adjourned till monday neit at 80. Clock f.m. oach mailer of the Board to make a full report regarding his subscription list, at that meeting. Confirmed State 1861

Montreal, 8th April, 1861 This brung mas held in the Com: Noom of the bu. L. a. an adjoirned meeting of the board of direction. Tresent. - The President, (in the chair). messes Nivin , Sierwright, Thomas, Livingstone and Staller. In Sierwright having been appointed Secretary kno teno, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved of. A Letter from Mor. Angston, resigning his seat on the Board from want of time to altend to the duties of his office, was read, when: It was moved by In Staller and seconded by him. Thomas, that him Hingstons' resignation be accepted, - Carried. A seller from how. Caldecott, resigning his office of Corresponding Secretary, and seat on the Board, was read, when, It was moved by him hivin , & seconded by him Livingstone, that action on him. Caldwoods resignation, be defferred until neet meeting The following report from those engaged in soliciting subscriptions towards defraying the dell of the association, was recieved: aggregate contribution of the Board. \$412:00 S. Caldecott 95.00 J. a. Perkins, for 30.00 O.D. Brown 20.00 J. L. Steele 150.00 Mission 00.00 I. Living stone for ansilev wingth E.B. angus 50.50 62.00 1300 Total \$ 902:50

Ambeele y har. Liewinght were requested to procure lists of all who had been called upon, and furnish them at next meeting of the It was moved In Staller, and seconded Cy his hisin, that his ferking be elected a member of the Board, carried, Mr. J. C. Sinton was unanimously elected Recording Decretary -The meeting then adjourned to meet again on monday the 15th inst. A. M. Dieveright a. Seen proten.

Whis meeting the Board of the Mo. L. a. held a special meeting, the President in the Present. The President, hepro Thomas, him angus, Eyman, Stalker, Livingstone, Hall, him Hall appointed secretary proton. Minutes of 8" april, Read and approved of The President made a report as to the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the current year, ving Probable receipts \$ 1404. Expenditure \$1663, Shewing a · balance of \$41. in favor of the Association. The Vice President reported that he had procured a life membership from Mr Files, making an additional subscription of \$50. lowards the debt of the institution. Moved by his Thomas, seconded by Mr angus, That the President, Vice President, and Treasurer be a committee for the purpose of drawing outs the Semi-annual report-Carrie on motion the Board adjourned, to meet on Friday neft at 8 O'Clock Confirmed House Heere Heavetany prostem,
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Montreal, 3 90 May, 1861. This evening was held an adjourned meeting of the Board of the Mo. L. a. Present, - The President (in the chair) hosses Angus, Deirwright, hivin, & Lyman his diervingho was appointed decy preter. read and, confirmed. The President, (Chairman of Committee appointed at last meeting to draw out the Veni-annual report, I reported that This had not been done, as it was motorned customary to present any fremal report at the demi-annual meeting -Report received and adopted after some further discussion on the affeirs of the association the meeting then adjourned to meet again on moreday the 6" inst. A. M. Varwright Ahre ierringht
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elloutreal, 6th May. 1861. The Semi annual meeting of the members of the hereantile library association was held The President in the chair members of the Board present, the Prevident, Vico President, Car: Vecretary, Treasurer, and mepro kivin. Lyman, Ctalker, Hall, Girings angue, & Thomas, and about so members Mor dieveright acted on Secretary prosterio. minutes of annual meeting for election of officers, read and confirmed The President presented a brief verbal lepart, which met withapproval atto mr. I Brown moved, seconded by hor. Stalker, That a committee of hifteen humber. of the association be named. whose duty it Shall be to cooperate with the Board in cleaning the debt of the ass: now due, and that the following gentlemen, form said bannittee, messes I. Watson, John Lewis, Winnamo, C. J. Christie, Walter Roach, RW Matahett, S. W. Hearle, W. mcClure, - Jacques, W. E. Jacques, S.C. Sinton, S.B. Sutherland. Winnassey James martin, Rivisarnand - Carried. The list of subscribers was read to the meeting, and showed that nearly \$1000. had been subscribed towards the debt of the ass: and a list placed on the Internibers present moved, seconded by me Monday, that when this meeting do adjourn, it adjourn to the first known

In July. then to receive a report from. the Board and Special Committee regarding the progress of the subscription" Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by In Sinton, "That the President le requested to mail on mr. hordheimer, and remonstrate in the strongest terms on the intolerable noise, both on the stairs, and, in the adjoining room, with a view. of the some way having it remedied . + if this is found impracticable, to asoution if more desirable premises cannot be obtained, and report at the adjourned meeting. Carried adjourned,
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Montreal 323 June 1861
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Montheal, 1 th July, 1861.
The regular monthly meeting of the
mentiles of the Board ras held this Greent The President, in the chair, heress Geriorish, Caldecott, P. Q. Brown. Einisten Secretary foro tow. the minutes of the two previous meetings In Caldecatt moved, Seconded by In Everystone, that in the absence of any deport fund Carrassers this Evening, the Secretary be requested to call a special meeting for Friday the 5" mist, and, that the Gentlemen, forming the Special Committee, appointed at the last Servi annual meeting be also requested to be present. Carried The Treasurer was authorized to pur-chase any books & he regimes The Treasurer reported having received the Books of the association from hor P. M. Lowen the late treasurer, which however, were not audited, and also, the Sum of Two dollars, purporting to be the halance of Cash on hand the Dear 1850, he have the meeting, a motion to adjoin , was Carried maninonship Monderviets

There being no quorum this rvening twening. the adjourned special meeting was not held -Members of the Board present: -mesers Survight, Caldecatt, Livingstone and: - of the Special Committee In Jacques A.M.Swirright
See. pro. tem. montreal 5 August 1861 The Regular bronthy meeting was keld this enaming Procent The President Convergeonding Secretary + Mass Kirin Sinten Hall Liningston Stalket The Cor Sec was requished hack as Secretary The assumbes intere real of freeings meetings + duly approved dethere Committe reported that they where in Commenceation with AB Longh + expected to make an engagement with him to be there before the association early in Ochher __ The subject of the debt of course was discussed + Then do come one that there shil remained four hundred ballars the subscribed of was marmonsh resolved by the board that knows Sheel faldecut endearous hobbam
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Montreal, 12th Suguet 1801

On adjourned meeting of the Boards

mas held this lovening.

Present - The President, Corresponding the.

Preasurer. Breezes him. Livings tone. Sinton. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
A very farourable report was received from the calkertons, shewing that nearly \$1,400 had been collected, and that many others had get to be called upon. mored by of Caldecatte seconded by UM Sierwight, That as sgon as the whole amount of the Delt be arthotis; lack member of the Board shall collect the amount, on his list, with the exception of any which, in his judgement, the Superintendent is capable of collecting, the Presidents granting him the mosessary authorization.

The meeting them adjourned A. M. Burwright dec: from tow.

The legalor manthy meeting of the Brand was held thes evening Present. President Mesers Surhon angus Gall and Swingstone he she observed of the Secretary Tohn Swingstoners was elected to act for hem The mendles of the frevious weeking werd duly read and approped Letter was then read by the President afrom the Editor of the Morning Thronich deman ding selblement of debet to the same which wast referred to the Finance Jommebel with instructions to day if correct The weeking then adjourned. John somplines The regular Monthly meeting of the Board was held hesent the fresident, Meso! angus, Caldiert Stalker and Sinton. The minutes of last meeting were reas reor firmed.

Mr. Caldecoll Chairman of the Lecture Committee
announced that Mr. Sough has not get arrived but
is expected tomorrow,
The bresident stated that Mr. Lyman had obtained a guarantee for the sale of 85 tickets to a Course of Letteres to be delivered by At. Lord, he suggested that an offort be made to Secure the sale of 200 tickets for the course of Lectures at \$1.00 Each, and if the iffort be successful the Lecture Committee be unthorised to engage M. Lord to deliver a course

of Lechures on Representative Homen, Navas Stated that Milord' charge will be \$240. The hisident was authorised to make an effort toobtain the signatures of persons welling to take light, gat the Sectione to be delivered by Milough on 8. 19 inst. The hesident fulther suggested the advisability of ongaging Me Hendell Phillips to deliver one or more Lectures ander the auspices of the Association, the provided the How gentleman would deliver two lectures for the sum of two hundred Dollars, The fresident agreed to ascertain the feeling of those members of the Board who were absent from the meeting, and, if a majority of the Directors, were agreeabled, to enter into codespondence with M. Phillips on the subject. Hwas ordered that the list of subscriptions toward, paying of the Debt of the Association be submitted to the Auditors for examination, and that so soon as those gentlemen shall have certified that the amount so subscribed is sufficient to fay off the debt, a Collector be appointed to collect the same. The meeting adjourned at 9.55. James Chinton I Recf Secretary. Montreal 4th floven 1861. The Regular months meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mr. L. a washeld in the formmittee Rooms lui eveni, breset Stalker, Sievewijht, Hall, V. D. Brown, Caldicoll and Sinton. The minutes of previous meeting were read toonfirmed. Mr. baldecoll not being fresent at this stay of the froceeding M. Tievewright presented a report from the Lecture formitte showing the net frofil on M. A.B. Gough's lectures to be \$297.08

It was then moved by Medtalker seconded by M. Stall and Resolved, that the Report be received, adopted and intered in the Minutes' The following is the Report:The Lecture Committee feel fleasure in reporting that having engaged S.B. Gough to lecture before the Association, the Lectures were delivered before large Houses on the Evening 18th of the October last and with a profit to the association of about \$ 300." "Thinking a detailed account of the Receift Hapenditure "might be of use hereafter, the bommittee annex to the Refort the following list -_ Receipts ___ Capenditure back taken at the doors \$333.75 Said M. Lough por two Lectures \$200.00 Expenses of M. Fough Doorkeepers Fickets sold at Dawsons 10.00 56.50 at Chickup's 5.00 SH.26 Bill- posters af J. Riddelli 225 52.50 and by friends of the Ussociation Witness advertising 5.00 12.25 Transcript, Herald 26.10 Sagette oddvertiser ? 10.00 funting cards 1: 3.92 Sundries 212.17 total capend: Balance bung tropil 297.08 \$ 539.25 \$554.25 considerable zeal and activity in assisting the labours of the Committee, they the Committee desile to being Mi heer name favorably before the Board'
They would also express their obligations to several members of the Board who by their energy contributed "greatly to the successful issue of the Letteres" well of which is respectfully submitted signed, Stapleton Caldecoll. Chairman.

It was moved by M. Seivewright seconded by Midall and Resolved that the thanks of the Board are due and are hereby tendered to M. Stapleton Caldecott, Chairman of Lectile Committee, for the zeal energy and activity displayed by him on the occasion of L.B. Tough's lecture delivered under the auxpices of the Association in October last, and that the Secretary be instructed be come a copy of this resolution to M. balldecott. The busident reported having written to Mon thendell Millips we westing him to beclure before the association, but that he has not yet received a refly. The Treasurer was authorised to obtain a book to serve deem most suitable. The fresident stated that he had learned that M. Giles was desirous to deliver two lectures on the Cost of Hav' and Compensations of Hav under the auspices of the Association after some discussion it was moved by Mr. Stalker, seconder by M. Sievewight and Resolved the Lecture Committee be requested to engage M. Giles to deliver said Lectures at an expense not exceeding \$100 for the two lectures. On motion of M. Stalker seconded by M. Leevewight the meeting adjourned till monday 18 hovens ind 8 pm, James Binton Rec Secretary Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors hesent, the Resident, mest Thomas, Hall, Minn Livingstone, J. a. Kerkins fr, Sievewright, Sinton The minutes of last meeting were read toon firmed. ho reports were fresented from any of the bommittees but considerable discussion took place on the affairs of the association - when it was moved and Resolved that

the hesident and Recording of onesponding Secretary be a Committee to draw up the annual Report M. Caldecott reported that the Secture Committee had engage M. files to deliver two Sectures on the field live Tuesdays in December - at a cost of \$80. Mr. Steele stated that he had not yet received a seff from the Ster Mendell Phillips Egg It was then moved by Mr. Hall seconded by M. Thomas, that this meeting do adjourn till frida evening the 22 inst for the Jupose of receiving reports from the Chairmen of the various Commiltees The meeting then adjourned Schinkowsky of the M.A. held in formittee Atom onfrida 22 Aor 1861 hesent, The busident, Mest b.D. Brown, Thomas, hivin, Livingstone, Sievewicht, Stather Amton The minutes of last meeting were read reonfirmer. In Thomas submitted the Report of the Library Committee - and a Report from the Lecture formshittee was submitted - both reforts were ordered to be handed to the bresident to assist in making up to annual Report. The President read the delaft of Annual Report which not being complete, owing to the sub-Committee, lefort not havidy been received inthine - was referredback If the formmittee appointed to prefare it, and the Board adjourned to meet again on Monde 25 Nover Jem. James Of Sinton Secretar. On 25 th hor 1861 - bresent I. L. Steele inthe Chair, both how, I he feeling Mal, Sievericht, Livingstone rijoin, Lyman Stather Sinton. It be submitted to the President read the Report prepared by him to be submitted to an after a few a mendadent made, was adopted. J. C. Sinton, a few a mendadent made, was adopted.

Minutes of Twenty first Ununal Meeting held in the Reading Room on Monda 25 Novem! 186128/1. Resent: P.L. Steele Eg, hesident, in the Chair. S. Callecott Corresponding Secretar, & Winton Recording Secretary, a.M. Suevewright Ireasurer. M. Nivin, Livingstone, Hall, S. J. Lyman , Directors Stalker, A. Thomas, S. a. berkins for Directors and about 70 other members of the association The hesident having called the meeting to order to Secretary read the shinutes of the Senti annual meeting; which were approved. The hesident then, after a few freliminary remarks read the annual Report of the Board, lin which was comprised the heasther's Statement. motion It was then moved by G. M. Stephens recondedly "child that the Report be received and disulsed" amend! " M. prodewis moved in amendment, seconded by Midouson that the Report be received tadopted. after some discussion the amendment was put and lost, the main motion was carried. The Report was then read clause by clause - Several gentlemen complained of the great noise which is heard nightly in the adjoining fassaged in various hart of the building - And particular dissationation was evenced owity to Mest hordheimer having leased the room direct, over our Reading Room to a leacher of Dancing I M. Theodore Lybran offered a motion authorising the Board to obtain other apartment for the use of the Association, which was ruled out of order at this stap of the proceeding

On the clause relating to the Library being read, Mr. Beelett moved seconded by mr. mulphy that the work "and shame" following the work "from this want" be stricken out. " Steppens, seconded by Mofaldredt moved in amendment that the word distrace be substituted for the word Thame - M. Harry moved that the paragraph doremain as it sland, which notion was dellared not tobe in order - after a livel debate Mittephens amendment was put to a vote land lost after which a division took place on Mr. Becketts amendment, when there being 17 in favor of and 18 against it it was lost. All time this rote was taken there were 65 members in the Rooms-only about one half of whom voted. The clause relating to finances having been read M. Beckett mover seconded by M. Murphy, that the following paragraph be should out " berhaps afewaht should have reflorted themselves as Seniors and faid three dollars thave claimed tobe juniors thaid but two, the would attribute this to thoughtlessness rather than any other cause. He do not for a moment believe that there is a going, man in our association who would in the very beginn of his career thus deliberates sell his mercantite hours for the sum of one dollad." M. heident stated that the Board did not introduce this farapapa into the Report with a view to censure any thember as some fregent appeared tothink - but simply the point out the fact that some few \$2 subscriptions has been received from persons who were just bound to \$3- anothe Bound would have no objection to see the farapath crased - after some remert, from other gentlemen the amendment todo carried without a division. Some discussion took flace on the subject of the Delf and the number of Life Memberships created during the year asising from the lating of Leccial Subscription

but no amendment was offered - and the announcent that the word 'Leby would not be found in our near years heport was received with applause. Report was received with applause. The whole Report having been now M. Stephens and Kesolved that the annual Report of this association, be adopted The following is the Report as amended: Twenty first annual Report of the Mercantites Library absociation of montreal fewellemen; The report which your Board now pesent to your although containing little that is novel-will not they think, belentirely devokil of interest. I mmediatel bupon accepting office, believing that while the debt remained impaged, all attempts to inlays er improve our association, however successful that might be for the time must ultimatel fail, the Board unanimously resolved to devote their efforts to its liquid dation- Wellhave therefore but little progress to report in other departments. The list of members, compared with that of the two The list of memors previous years is as follows:
1859 1860

Merchants 103 124

Senior Clerks 159 200

Sunio! Clerks 86 254 35 35 Life 27 27 Honorary

thewing a decrease of 12 members. 187 members are in arrears for their annual Subscription. Doubtlessthe real increase of numbers during the last & the special subscription during the present year hade had much to do with this unforternote delinguency, nevertheless the Board feel that they cannot but attack some blame to themselves for the lay number of beflentirely in the hand of the Superintendent, who from would recommend that not one of these names be stricken from the list, without a Committee of the fresent or succeeding Board first calling whom the party - Without any special effort 103 names have been added to on list during the year. - Board The Board as elected one year ago was as follows, hesident a. Empy Vice hesident _ 1. D. Brown J. L. Steele. borresponding Secretary Recording Secretary - J. M. terkinsp. I. M. Ewen. Directors - S. Childs - R. Thomas. J.M. berkinsp Boster J. Dingeton _ R.B. angus _ a. Milloy a. M. Seivewight J. Livingston _ M'Empey after much deliberation, fell compelled to decline the hesidency on account of the state of his health, and Mess Chilles & Baster declines serving onthe Board. Mest. Stephens and doingston also resigned during the year, These vacancies having been filled Board now cland as follows

President _ I. S. Steele Vice President _ I. D. Brown Corresponding Leg_ S. Caldicott Recording Secrety - S. C. Sinton. . Treasurer _ A.M. Seivewright Derectors R. B. Angus - A. Milloy
R. Phornas - S.A. Perkins fr
J. Livingstone - S. S. Lyman S. M. Hall - Stalker 1. M. Ewen - W. Nivin. The following gentlemen were elected Honorary Directors.

Hon ble John Young - Thomas Workmanly

Hond George Moffatt - Henry Thomasley. _ Reading Koom ____ There has been but little change in this department, the attendance of members has been very good, fully as many being present during the evening as the hoom will properly accommodate. The noise and confusion in the Salls and room above have been a great annoyance to readers and such as to justify the association in giving up the lease, and we would recommend to our successions that the should take decided action in the matter the thanks of the Association are due to Mr. Genningtonlog for his very valuable hodice Report.

The following is a list of heriodical of fafers now in the Asom.

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The Art Journal Once a week All the year hound, London Insulated Hestminster Review Edinburgh Keview North British Review, Blackwood Chambers Journal atlantic Monthly Sounts Merchant Magazine Harper's Magazine Canada Temperance Advocate.

Newspapers — Montreal Herald Gazette Transcript" bommercial Advertises filot Daily Mitness, True Witness, Le Sernew Canadien, o Journal of Education British, London Times, Military Naval Chronicle, atheneum, Mustaled News Mustrated Times, Juneh, Edinburgh Scoteman, Manchester Grandian, Liverpool Mercury, European Times, Glasgow Herald, north, Britials advertises United States, N. J. Herald, Tribune, Shiffing List, allion, Scientific american, Scottide American Frank Leslie's Lournal, NY Mustrated News, Boston advertises Verrishandingung Allow fapers, Lueber Chronicle, Sh. Inguines, I John News, Ottawa Union, Bytown Layette, aylmentimes Sherbrooke Leader, of Sagette, party Jagette, Kington Chronicle, Toronte Globe, Leader & Coho Harriston Spectatos, Co Times, S'Catherines Constitutional; Reshives Nonverter, Canada Jayette ! Halifan Nova Scotian. Lectures_ It has alway been found impossible to sustain an extended course of lectures before the association, and therefore no such course was attempted during the last Winter and none such is recommended for the coming veason. Occasional lectures by well known and able men have been much more successful. Acting on this principle the Board engages John B. Jough Esq to deliver his celebrated lectures on London before the association on the evenings of the 8th of the October last. Those lectures were to the Association of \$ 297.64.
We have also invited Hendell Shillips Cog of Boston to deliver two lectures on Slavery the War, or Kindred Subjects but have as yet received no arlewer from him. The Rev. John Lord proposes to give a course of sine lectures on Representative Homen. Lectures on such a subject by a bold and brilliant speaker like M Lord to make an engagement with the her? fintleman provided how hundred and fifty ticket for the course can be sold in advance. The Movement Henry files has been engaged to deliver two lectures under the auspires of the Association on the first and second tuesdays in December next.

The number of issues of Books during the year has been 2191 confined to about 200 works principally Distory and light literature. A large number of volume, including many of those most used were found to require binding whill was done at a cost of \$ 28.53, adonation of Books consisting of 32 volumes has been made to the Association by a Friend by the hands of Milliam Rivinley. The Board has not lost sight of the suggestion made at the last annual meeting, on "to secure if possible a suitable room for a Library and open it to Lady subscribe Although they attack much importance to this suggestion it was not deemed advisable to make any attempt to carry it out until the Library was made more attractive by additional books .. While the Board regrets that the pecuniary circumstances of the association have prevented them from making addition, to the Library during the past year they indulge in the hope that hereafter such attention will be given to this department as its importance demands. The Library is the first purpose of the association and everything should be made subordinate to it. They would carnestly recommend that after the delet has been paid, special fort should be made to enlarge and improve it, The regular funds of the Association can be relied on only to purchase new Book as they are issued from the frees, and we can obtain the standard works in the various branche, of inshish Literature only by lary donations for that special purpose. Montreal has no Library, She needs one, Her merchants are with and generous, Swel there is among them an astor who will yet redeem her from this want and shame, and so build for himself an everlasting mimorial, whose inscription not erased by time, but

growing broader tdeeper with the ages, shall be her whole Siterature and History and this not for the gloryand fame of it, but for the good ofher people for all time. Finances___ The annual receipts reapenditure appear in the heasurers Statement herets annexes. The net Cash accerved to date the expenses incurrer compare anfollows up

Receipt ____ Copenses incurrer ____

Aspertreasurer's Statement \$1452.bg Rent and taxes \$575.00 Reading Room 229.99 Library 30.47 Expenses 377.82 Excess of Capenses inimes, over Cash received? 160.59 Superintendent 400.00 \$ 1113.28 against this deficiency there is an unsettles account against the Messi Northeimer for the use of the formittee hoom and the sum of say \$ 561. yet outstanding on the subscription list It will readily be seen that the receipt from the are very small; this result from two causes, It the change in the terms of subscription made at the last annual Inceting has lost us one dollar from every senior clerk, while it has transferred few or none from the Juniors' to the Seniors' list. I the large number of Members who have neglected or refused to pay their annual Subscription, as has been already remarked this is doubtless owing in part to the lay number of members who joined last year, may Subscription, Still, if the superintendent has reported these cases to the Board months as they occured, apersonal call by a member of that body would we think have induced most of the zoung gentlemen to pay their sub-Scription and continue members of the alsociation

And were now we would recommend that this course should be taken with the whole list of delinquents, Medould not a very large proportion would thus be induced to continue their subscriptions, Debt. _ In December last the Board began to solicit subexiptions for the furpose of liquidating the delike and commenced the work by subscribing among themselve the sum of \$412.00. Through the entire year they have steadil pursued their object. Discouraged by some denied and repelled by others, but cheered on and assist by the most and the best they have never for a moment doubted of success; and they have Inceeded. Although the work is not finished the result is secure and in your rest annual Report the Debt' will have noplace. 127 subscribers have contributed the aggregate sum Hen the subscription was commenced the sum of Jour Board have as yet found no reason to alter their estimate, but they would recommend to their faccesons not to rest content with that sum, but to fursue the canvas resolutely until the last possible dollar has been obtained, thus more than redeeming on pledge to those who have so freely and fromfthe paid their subscription On the 1st December 1860 the debt of the des was as follow, Montreal hess \$ 522.09 AtS. Rordheimer Honke John Rose Willmer Smith 208.00 150.00 481.11 Salter & Ross 50.00 Carried forward_

Shearle Date 39.13 Evans Brothers 25.00 \$1476.75 64.13 BDawson Bon 24.39 ata. Ramsay 2.00 26.39 R. Constant 13:00 Rta. Miller 21.42 34.42 Lundry newspapers 135.00 Superintendent 109.32 \$ 1846.01 Thoutreal bress in full 522.00 522.09 Salter & Ross 50.00 Evans Brothers 25.00 B. Dawson Son 24.39 R. Constant 13.00 Superintendent 109.32 Willmer Smith on accol 90.00

there remains unfaid of the capenses of the fresent the following amounts vig

Rent \$32.00

Reading Room accounts 50.00

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Library for binding 9.68

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Cash on hand \$87.09

Line on Annual Subscription from hunder. \$11.00

on Special Jubscription \$40.50 \$1488.59

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Iron Board are confident that these descriptionals realized will be more than sufficient to liquidate the remaining debt.

Conclusion -In reviewing the events of the year gone board are far from beling satisfied with what the have done. They know very well that the ought to have been more should have been completed long ago. But they are more than ever convinced that the policy which they have pursued is the right one, that while the burden of the delt remained no permanent improvement in the condition of the association was possible, the inadequay the regular income to the liquidation of the dell has been already demonstrated by the history of the two fast years. There was no other resource but a special subscrip tion. That has been resorted to and we congratulate the association upon the result already attained, But the whole is not done, One honor stands fledged to those the have aheady paid their subscription, that the debt shall be pais to the East dollar. To our successors we commit the trust, feeling sure that they will know better how to do

D'The heasurer in Account with the Mercantile Library assort be 200 nov. 25 By Rordheimers afrent A25 ToBalance from last year 41250 143 68 By Gas Accol 1044 91 To annual Subscriptions 46 13 By Postage To Special Inbountion 851 50 16482 By newspapers To rent of hooms 2250 496 00 To proceed of Lectures 30327 By Salaries 7081 By Insurance 15 62 To hewsprapers 1700 In Kines 320 By Water rate 1495 In Interest By Books Hinding 20 32 517 By advertising 1425 By stationery 3/64 By maidental Capenses By Old Debts Nordheimeraforent 130.00 Serald in full 20000 South in full 8091 Franscript in full 100.00 advertiser in full 15.00 bild in full 12.00 Superintendent 104.32 J. Childe Evans Bes fuel 2500 Willmer Smith 9000 Blauson Son 56.50 Constant 7.00 printing 1.25 834 02 Be Cashin treasureis hand 87 19

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If was then moved by Mr. Theodoredyman Motion seconded by Mr. Douglass and unanimous Resolved that the Board of the Association be authorised by the annual Meeting to frovide more suitable apartment for the use of the association owing to the incessant noise in the rooms adjoining & prassages, It was ordered on motion of Mr. John Lewis Motion seconded by M. G. W. Stephens That the list of Special Dubscriptions be fublished - and that the thanks of the association are herely tendered to those gentlemen who have generous contributed to relieve it from its debt. And on motion of M. Stephens the seconded by M. Rivin - the meeting adjourned.
J. Osinton.
Recf Secretary. adjourned The annual Anceting for the Clertion of Officer was held in the Reading Moom of the Association on Monday 2. December 1861 at 8 O'Clock. I hesent, I. S. Steele Esq hesident in the Chair I. Caldecott, Cor Secretary l. D. Brown J. F. a. M. Sieveright heasurer, J. d. berkind fr, M. Rivin, R. Thomas, Stalker the secretary and about 25 other members of the association Messt Stewart & S. S. Stalker were named Somtinen. The vote for hesident was reforted to stand for J. L. Steele 13 M. Avin J Geo W. Stephens 1. the meeting to proceed to a newballot - M.G. N. Stephens stated that ins objection resignation could be accepted at this meeting, but that any officer unwilling to serve must tender his resignation to the

Braid at its meeting, considerable discussion took place on this point; but the bresident again ordered a fresh worte to be taken final, he agreed to accept the Office and was declared duly elected. For Vice hesident the vote stood for M. William Nivin 16 MJ.a. Verling 11 Corresponding Secretary for S. Caldecott 19 h. Thomas 4 S. a herkins fr 3 Recording Secretary for I. Chinton 15 I.S. Stather 2 S. a. Ferkinsp 2 for a. M. Sieowisht 14 Treasurer N. M. Matchitt 3 Directors ford. a. berkins for O. D. Brown A. Millog R. B. angus R. W. Matchitt Richard Thomas S. Jones dyman E. Jacques 12 10 J. S. Stalker // Sheldon Stephens Thivingstone for J. W. Stephens 1 M. fanton / R. Stuart On motion of l. D. Browne second by Jd. Kahnings "Kingan be re-elected auditors of this association" "for the ensuing year." (N.B. Prior to election the Minutes of meeting of 25-how- were realists.

The following is a list officers for 1862: William Rivin _ Vice hesident Somesfording Secretary Stapleton Caldecott

I. C. Sintoh _ Recording Secretary

A. M. Sievwight _ Treasurer. J. d. Jerkins fr Richard Thomas

J. D. Browne S. J. Lyman

A. Milloy C. Jacques

A. B. Angus C. Judge

A. M. Matchitt J. S. Stalker J. D. Growne Auditors John Lewis and John Kingan On motion of G. W. Stephens seconded by J. a. Mathewson it was Resolved, that the warmest thanks of the Association 'are due, and are herely tendered to the retiring Board for their valuable services to the Association during the "pad year." The meeting then adjourned.

J. Chinton
Recf Secretary.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Director. of the ML association held on monday luming the 9th December 1861. Present: J.L. Steete Esq President in the Chair.
M. Nivin V.P. S. Caldecott, a. M. Sievwight, I. D. Brown
St. beshins fr. Jagnes, Matchitt, Judge, Thomas, S.D. Lyman
and Sinton. The minutes of the last meeting of the old Board having been read temperate; It was, on motion of I.A. berkins for seconded & P.D. Browne, "Resolved that Henry Thomas Sames Terries po Sbenny Lyman and J.M. Thomson Esquires be elected Storovary Directors of the Mercantite Library Association for the ensuing year. The hesident submitted the following hist of Committees; which was approved as Hilliam Rivin _ Library . Richard Thomas R. B. angus J. J. Lyman R. W. Matchill a. Milloz Lecture_ - Class and Membership. Edjar Judge
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Tiniance S. Caldecott J. a. Ferkins for J. C. Sinton a.M. Sievwijft O.S. Browne. J. L. Steele, Il was moved by h. D. Browne, seconded by I.A. berkings, "That the Inperintendent, under the directions of the finance Committee be required to take the necessary steps for the collection ofter subscription. unpaid by members to the desociations for the fract year

'and report the amount collected and the names of 'delinquents at the next regular monthly meeting"

Carried .____ Carried .___ Carried .___ ...

It was moved by Mr. Sievwight, seconded by Mr. Judge and unanimodof resolved" That the Library Committee be authorised to expend One Hundred Hollars withe "purchase of new Books, to be added to the Library "as soon as possible." Some discussion ensured as to an alleged irregularly at the Elections of Officers on Monda Li December last, when the following Motion was moved by M. Thomas seconded by M. Mivin:

"Thereas the hisident, at the some of M. I. S. Stalker, one of the Tirestors, has stated to the Some that at the election of Office bearers held on Monday last, he voted for himself-after the vote was closed, thinking he had a light at the last of the bank of the board of the boa had a legal right so to do, but that if the Board thought he acted illegal he would resign; Be it resolved that the Board is of opinion that the vote thus given was illegal but the attack no blame to him under the circumstances "he having acted in good faith" ___ Carried___, Mr. Sievwijht moves, seconded by Mr. Rivin, that the foresponding decretary be instructed to offer on behalf of the Mercantile Library association, to Colonel Eartly Wilmot A. A. and Colonel Hely US. Commanding to Me 47. Rest and the officers of their respective command, the flee use of the Reading Room white quartered in this Cit. — Carrier nem, con. — It was moved by M. Sievwight seconded by M. Galdecott and Resolved that the Recording Secretary be instructed to advertise the annual late of thewsprapers to take place in the Keading Noom on tuesday 17 inst. and on motion of M. Sieveright seconded by Whioin the meeting as journed till mondy 18th inst a 8 fm Camiton Received

an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the M. L. A. washeld on Monday 10 Dect. 1861 at 8 1.10. bresent, J. L. Steele Cog hesident in the chair, Rivin, Indge, Jagues, Matchitt, Sievwight, Cartings S. I. Syman, and Sinton. and Colderott. The minutes of previous meeting were read oconfirmed. Thereafter, a letter from M. J. S. Stalker, lendering his resignation of Office of Director was read by the Secretary; whereupon it was moved by the matchett be accepted Carried.

On motion of M. Thomas the meeting from to ballot for a Director to replace M. Stalker; the vote stood for Sheldons Stephens & I. Livingstone I. and M. Sheldonottephens was declared duly elected. The bresident directed M. Stephens name to be flaces on the Class Merbership Committee. In nivin fresented a Report from the Reading Room Committee touching the dismissal of the boy, the saving to be effected by frefaging footage on fupers the and stating that Bells Life & Inblin freeman's Tournal were asked for. On motion of M. Thomas, seconded y Weterkins the Report was referred back to the Committee with instructions to report more at length with recommendation Mr. buthing seconded by Midyman, moved that the New York Herald be discontinued and the hew York World'be taken Lost on a division. of Board of Agniculture of Maine Second Series 1860 a donation from S. L. Goodale lag Secretary IN. Thomas moves seconded by J. a. berkings that the thank of the Board are due therely tendered to My foodale for his valuable donation to the Association, and that

the Secretary be instructed to convey the same to that sentleman" Which have been given to the Association by hober Morrisla, Dowling History of Romanism Illustrated Ivolume Di Syntais Tours do Comparative Physiognomy do 3 do 1 do Hand Book of Hines, their Culture as Ranks of the beople by Hayward Life of Lord Sydenham admit of Canada 1 do 1 do 110 Cultivation Manufacture of tea Mustrated Annual of Scientific Discovery 1 do 2 do She Ladies of the Covenant Illustrated 1 do 1 de 1 do Historical Doubt relative to Rapoleon Buonafarte 1 do GilBlas translated into English 3 de 18 Volumes On motion of M. Thomas seconded by it was Resolved that the thanks of the Bloard be tendered to the gentleman / Mobel Morris for his very liberal contribution of 18 bolumes to the Library," The Library Committee reported that they were propessing in the selection of new books for the dibray and the busted to have several volumes on the shelves beford our near meeting. Superintendent It was knoved by MV Ludge seconded by Mr. "Caldeeott That the Board of Direction are of ofinion that the dulies of the Superintendent have not been "discharged with that degree of efficiency which the interest of the association urgently demand. The Board more particularly note amongst other things "a lack of energy in the collection of the annual Sub.

scriptions din promony the latest news, a want of prompti tude in obtaining ofiling the newspapers as soon as they arrive in the City; and an absence of proper care in permitting the bog to neglect the important & necessary duty of froferly frefaring the Reading hoom for the reception of the members Therefore feeling it their imperative the ampleasant of ainful duty they inform the Superintendent that this state of affairs must cease abonce of for ever, or they will be compelled to take a step which the hope the superintendent will render unnecessary by an increases effort on his part to fill with efficiency the duties incumbate on his office. It was moved in amendment by M. Lyman seconds by Mr. Matchitt " That it is for the opinion of this Board that it would be for the interest of the association that a change be made in the Office of Superindent The amendment was carried by a vote of & against two and the question again fut as a main motion, when I was carried unanimously.

On motion of seconded by I was Resolved that the hesident be regulated to ascer tain when our engagement with Mitheir terminates, and if it terminate on or before the first day of May, he be notified that his services will not be required after the said first day of May 1862.

Adjourned to the 30 December Sillinton Seiz.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of M.L.a. held on Monday the 30th December 1861. Present, __ A. Mivin, Vice President in the Chair. I. D. Browne, S. Caldecott, Indge M. Thomas, S. Mkeling The minutes of frevious meeting were read tapproved. M. Nivin presented the following report of R. Room Committee "The heading hoom formittee with reference to their Report of 18th inst which was referred back to them have to "report "That they recommend for introduction into the Reading Room Bells Life" othe Freemans Sournal" They recommend that the Boston advertiser be discontinued and that the Boston Lournal or Traveller be substitutely. The annual tale of papers took place on 17th inst amount of sale \$100.60 The Committee recommend that with regard to the English papers that they be fromered this some news vendor in the City as it is their opinion that the fufers will be obtained in this manner with greater despatch tregularity. The boy who was discharged has settled in full for the Sum of \$4.00 amount due him up to day of discharge on behalf of formmittee Min thivin Chairman. In motion of M. P. D. Browne seconded by MIndy the Report was received and adopted. The Secretary read a letter from I.d. Steele Con tendering his relignation of the Office of hesident. and the Chairman having informer the meeting that a deputation appointed draw inegular meeting of the Board to wait upon on Steele to unge him to withdraw his resignation, has failed in the attempt to induce him to met the wish of the Board It was moved by Milalded seconded by Mr. I Showne and resolved " that the Bourd of Directors receive with considerable upset

the tendered resignation of I. S. Steele lay of the Office of hesident of this association, and in accepting the same desire to express their high sense of his energy and geal in the discharge of the duties of the office he has filled with so much credit abonce to the Association and himself especially in being instrumental in raising a fund but ficient to clear the Association from dell! M. berkins moves, seconded by M. Indge that the election of a hesident be defened till the regular monthly meeting of the Board - <u>Carried.</u> — <u>Carried.</u> — of a ballot then took place for a Director in the room of R. B. Angus log, who has left the bit, I. S. Steele was unanimously elected. The following accounts were ordered to be fraid Montreal Sagette; I zears subscription to 31 Decem 1861 \$ 8.00 Ditto arvertising sale of newspapers 14 Sed. 1.80 and the following were referred: To Lecture Committee; John Lovell's account for \$3.50 printing prospectus of M. Lord intended Lectures with instructions to ascertain who ordered them To Finance Committee - N. Beatty's accountfor subscription to the Daily Leader \$19.00 and the Reading hoom Committee were instructed to continue the Germont Telegraph Report for a fortnight Regular months heeting of the Board of Directors of the M. L.a. held on Monday 1th Sanuary 1862. hesent; W. Nivin V.L. in the Chair. Must Caldecott, Matchitt, Shelder Stephens, Sieveright, Edjar Judge, W. Thomas, & S. Clinton The minutes of previous meeting were read tapproved. Int. baldwest freented the following refort from the Lecture bommittee, which on motion of the worth

seconded by M. matchitt was received and adopted, Report & Lecture bommittee Sannan 6. 1862. With considerable regret your Committee have to report that owing to a variety of causes, the Lectures given by M. Tiles before the association have in a fecuniary sense Sproved unfortunate, & resulted in a loss of nearly \$50.00 as will be seen by the following details, _____ for ____ Paid Mr. Giles for deling \$80.00 Cash taken at the Doors \$33.00 Tickets sold by friends, fair for 500 lands of the association 3 24.50 2.75 Balance, being loss -- 50 fosters 3.00 - Exchange on silver 1.50 - Doorheeper de 4.25 bais advert int lit papers 14.50 . 75 Paid Bill poster To prevent a like disastrous result, gomfommittee would not earnest une the necessit ofen aging only men of decided populdity. The Montreal public hating by their apathy demonstrated the fact that they are not a lecture loving people The Committee would bring before your notice the names of Leone Brown, Townto, N. W. Emerson, Boston, and Kendell Phillips as men likely to draw good audiences, and would The Secture formmittee were authorised to enter into correspondence with St. M. Beecher, G. W. Vandenhoff and Stouble George Brown, with a view to obtain their consent to deliver one or more Sectures before the Association the meeting then afformed M. R. M. Matchitt scritimeer, and proceeded to ballot for hesident, the vote stood for William Broin & M. Thomas I S. Caldecott 1. M. Nivin was therefore declared elected fresident.

There being a vacancy thus creates in the office of bie freshot a vote was taken with the following result: For M. matchitt. 5 Interking of 2 R. Thomast. therefore M. Modifit was declared duly elected Dice hesident, and Mr. J. Burt Sutherland was unanimous cleeted Director in the room of M. matchitt. Some discussion took flace as to the desirability extent of \$100. the amount voted for the februse, and the Treasurer having stated that he has no funds or hand was not like to be able to spare any for some time, it was determined not to make any purchases at the moment, M. Rivin informed the Board that he had entered into communication with M. O.S. Hood Superintendenty the montreal Telegraph fo, to ascertain ab what fine we can obtain their reports - he will have the information for near meeting. adjourned till Monday 20th Januar inst James Cointon Rec Secretar l. S. Letters from bolonel F. Eardle, Hilmot h. a. and bolonel Kell C.B. thanking the Boars for their invitation were read by the forresponding Levetar. Adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors Mercantite Library Association Held on Monday 20 Januar 1862 hesent: William hivin by, heardent, in the chair. Mess? Matchitt, A. Thomas, Edgar Judge, Suthelene The Minutes of previous meeting were reastoonfirmes, on Rivin stated that Mill Hood Superofte Montral telegraph formpany had informed him that they could not furnish us with their Reports for a less lune than is pair by the bress, the Merchants lachange to

The F. b. in making their report beg to present a statement of the probable receipts and expenditure for the fresent year - Cafenditure_ _ Riccipts __ Nembers Annual Subst. \$1050.00 Kent 550.00 Do from/801 250.00 Sale of Newspapers Eases 41.35 100.00 591:25 Yas Kent of Rooms 140:00 20.00 Water rate Tines, Lundries to 20.00 10.00 Balance ____ Insurance 15.12 292.HJ Postage 50.00 Newspapers 250.00 Advertising 10.00 Station 20.00 Litrary, New booths, binding to 50.00 Loss on files Lectures 49.62 Incidental Expenses 30.00 From the above statement a deficil appears of say \$ 292.49.

The Special subscription stands as follows The Special Subscription stands as follows

Subscribed \$1512 bollected spaid away \$951.50

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leaving a deficit of \$5.00

"Som formmittee would remine you that it is not "improbable that some of the subscriptions will rever begain and that for others the Association will have to wait sometime "It is not the subscription will have to wait sometime "It is not the subscription will have to wait sometime the subscription will have to wait sometime to the subscription will be subscription will be subscription to the subscription to th Under the circumstances your formuittee recomment that no further expenditure be made from the appropriate 1 \$100 to the Library Committee until a way can be seen by which the Association can be cleared of debt, no they feel that this is the first and most important duty. "With a view to obtain thisens, Jour formmittee chingly recomme an active and thorough fanvas for new members on the pail fevery

individual member of the Board, feeling that this course is the most legitimate and sure means of increasing the revenue of the Association The whole respectful submitter. 199 Milliam Mivin 20 January 1862" Chairman Genames form; On motion of C. Judy seconded by h. M. Matchitt, the Report was received. It was then moved by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Matchill, that the Finance Committee be requested to prepare, and "furnish to the next monthly meeting, a detailed ans exact statement of the amount faid and still owing on the old delle "also, of the sums which form the flefierency in last years according to stated in annual Report."

"It was moved by how Thomas, seconded by Might kerhing a "That the finance formittee be requested to suggest some means of the second to suggest some means of raising \$100. amount authorises by a unanimous resolution to be lais out by the Library formmittee in the funchase of books"

- Carried. In motion of M. C. Judge seconded by M. Thomas it was Resolved that the Treasurer befrequested to prepare and furnish to the next month meeting of the Board a list of the delinguent subscribers for the fast year. Wir berkins suggested that the Home Journal be subscribed for - Referrer to Reaving Room formittee It was Ordered "that the Treasurer be requested to tatement of the receipts and expenditure of the Association of the Association the frevious month. A. Milloy, S. Stephons, &B. Sutherland___ Mathier, A. M. Sievericht, L. S. Browner of Christon, New Secretary

Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the MA bresent, M. Rivin to hesident in the Chair. Surewijht, Intherland, E. Judge, S. Caldecott, Steele J. Stephens, Matchitt, Jaques, Browne and Sinton, The Minutes of the frevious meeting were read oconfirmed The finance formmittee reported progress made in prefaring the statement asked for by resolution attack meeting and stated that all the farticulars as to old debt thresent fosition of the association will be embodied in a report to be submitted at real months meeting. They also recom. of books for the Library. On motion of Mistelle, seconder by M. taldecott the report was adopted. The Treasurer produced a list of members who have failed to fing their subscriptions for 1861 after considerable discussion it was referred to the Class Committee, who are to see that the gentlemen are called on (the brumbers of the Board to assist the Committee) and report at next months meeting of the Board. The hesident informed the Board that he has notified Wheir of the desire of the Boars to make a change with Office of Inperintendent, and that that gentleman expressed his willingness to retie when reguester so to do, the hest was instructed to notify by Reid by letter that his services will not be required after the first May near, and if in his opinion it may be advisable to do les, to advertise for The Reading Room bommittee fresented a Report secommending that the 3 Rivers Inquirer, Mawa Jagette and hed hive Hor Hester, be discontinued. that his fafer not having been ordered was received as few. I that the association does not feel bound to fay for the same.

they reforted adversely to the sujestion to subscribe for the Home Sournal, and in favor of adding a leading Chicago fafer to the horms.

They record their thank to John Dougall log for a loan oniscarried and for his liberality in supplying as grates with half a dozen copies of the Daily Mitness- viccomment that the Corresponding Secretary do convey the same to Mount, they also handed in the following statement showing the hames of papers magazines taken by the Association and exhibitions the date up to which subscription is fair, the amount due, and the journals sent free. Names Dates Amounts Remarks
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the board object to fay for the Leader only on the ground that it was never ordered, but they did hot intend to refuse for ment for the Inquirel, Mibaldecott to state further that we persist in refusin farment for the Leader, a letter was also presented, with an account from DeMidaurin profiletos of the Ottawa Jayette amounting to \$6.75. the Board are informer that the fafer will be discontinued when this amount has been paid. An accord of bermont & Boston Gelerath formfan for Refort farmishes up to februar - \$ 5 was fresentes and ordered to be paid.

A very courteous refly from the Honth George Brown of Toronto in reply to the Boards Invitation to him to lecture before the association was then read - An Brown reset he cannot lecture at present as he is now taking I rest from all fublic works of all Kinds" and if he broke through in one instance he would have to it in many other. he adds "after this winter I hope to have more leisure and should your invitation be refeated hereafter, Swill be most happy to meet your views motion It was moved by M Thomas (seconder by M Jagues) that the Resolution to discontinue the telegraph report of the bermont & Boston Telegraph Line, be reconsidered Carried. Carried. the said reforts do be received in the Realing Room Intil the first May near a \$1 for week. Carried_ The Library Committee submitted the follow-my Report Tothe heardent thoused of Directors of the M. L. a. The Library formmittee have to report, that in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Board Meeting they have books to the value of a little over the amount worked viz \$50 including \$25 worth received from I. I. Smi Eg in farment ofhalf his subscription upon Sife memberships although your formmittee were althouses to expend the sun hangement with Manan, get the did not deem it ad visable to go further until advised by the Board, a list of the books is herets annexed as well as the accounts. In submitting the list of books funchased jomformmittee have to state that the standard of the books is not sohil, as they could wish, the selection havin been made more to supply a want that was generally admitted to exist in the Library than to satisfy them in the selection of such works as they would wish to add to it. I your Committee have also to report that the Henry Lyman the marty - from S. J. Lyman laguine "also Channings Horks in 3 Volumes from M. b. Brown also Channelings Memoirs from James Morganisg as donations to the Librar. "A good many of the books in paper covers and they are now in the hands offer. Lovell to be bound as a very moderate expense - in a few days they will be on the shelves. Respectfully submitted R. Thomas, Chairman L.C. The Report was adopted, and on motion of M. Thomas seconded by M. Lerkins it was resolved that the thanks of the Association be conveyed to the Lonors of Books mentioned in the Report Carrier. Carrier. Some discussion took place with regard to a new Building about to be exected by Athoddet to, the Chairman stated that the firm in question were withing to lease to this association either the second or second and third flats - and to fit them up in a convenient manner to suit us - and one motion of Mithornes secondedly the Sugares it was desolved that Meso? It Rivish

I. L. Steele, and R. Thomas be appointed a Committee "to ascertain if the lease of the hooms now occupied by the Association can be annulled - and learn " what arrangement can be made with M. Rodden for new Adoms - and report to the Board of Director, The Breeting then adjourned to Monday near. James Charleton Rec, Secretary Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Libry Association held on Monday the 10th March 1862. hesent: RM. matchitt by V.T. in the Chair. The minutes of last meeting were read toonfirmed.

M. Thomas reported that the formmittee affointed in the matter of new hooms - has called on the aunt of Mest. Nordheimer - he did not feel authorised to say What his frincifals would consent to the lease being annul but the formittee are of opinion that in any extent, the association have good ground for leaving the present rooms, The formittee has not being able to see Min Rodden owing to his absence from town, they asked leave to continue their enquiries Its refort fully at the next meeting of the Board. _ Leave granted._ The Secretary was instructed to advertise in two of the Cit fafeed for applications from gentlemen who may be described to accept the Office of Superintendent.
The Secretary read a letter from M.J. A. ferhing, tendering his resignation of the Office of Director, which was accepted The Class Committee reforted verbally and fromis a full deport on the list of delinquent Members at the neal bloard Meeting.

On motion of M. R. Thomas seconded by M. C. Judge the Secretary was instructed to write to the Linance Committee dating that the Board is of opinion that it is ofthe utmost importance that they report on the subject of the Resolution bommittee to do so by the next meeting of the Board. Adjourner tot fridag 28th March 1862 James Chinton Rue, Seg. Mijutes of Special Meeting of Directors held on 19th March 1862, to consider Report of the formittee appointed to fromme new rooms: hesent, H. W. Matchitt, Steete, R. Thomas, J. C. Jagues p. Sutherland and Sinton,
Mr. Phomas on behalf of the formmittee reforted that M. Modden to offer two storers of a new building bein exected by them for \$800 f drinum - the Committee submitter a plan of the tooms as proposed to be finished but the consider the rent too high and don't recommend the acceptance of the offer. It was however thought advisable to make a move and though the formmittee reporter that the question of annulling our lease with Nordheimer was not we thout difficult ill was after much careful consideration morely In Steele, seconded & Mototherland that the formmittee be authorised to lease from Misin It hodden to the premises as delineated on the plan now submitted; the lessons to fit up the and that all details be left to the formmittee may require not to exceed \$ 700 fer annum. Carrier unanumous It was understood that the Board wonts take the rich of getting quit of the lease of hordheimer's Hall for the prescriation-if the gentlemen will not cancel the lease amically.

M. Matchill's name was added to the formmittee for fercuring new hooms.

The meeting adjourned.

James Christon Regley, Minutes of adjourned meeting of the Directors of the Mercantited Library Association held on Juday the 28th March 1862. hesent, A. M. Malititt V.l. in the chair. A. Thomas, I. Dorowne, Sievericht, S. Stephens, C. Ludge, G.E. Lagues & J. Christon. The Minutes of two previous meetings were read tapproved. The Linance formmittee, through Misievwight breasurer presented the following report which was laid over for consideration at next months meeting. The finance bommittee have to apollouse for the "delay which has taken place in presenting a financial "Report to the Board." This delay has arisen mainly from the loose and "unbusinesslike manner in which the Books and papers of the association have been heft previous to becember 1860, and your Committee have to refer you to the fact that notwithstanding all the creditors of the Association were waited upon, or written to for a statement of their respective claims, get there were no entries in the Books, or papers forthcoming from which your Committee might arrive at the necessary information." Owing to this, your Committee had to wait upon, or write to nearly all creditors of the association, and now have the pleasure to submit to the Board, a full, and The venture to hope perfectfy reliable review of the Financial fosition of the Association "Your Committee considered it desirable to make of the Old Debt account to 31th December 1861, instead of same

date 1800, as affirst proposed, and trust it will not be out of place to mention in this Report that they are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the association if the Official Fear closed at the end of December, instead of asat fresent, the beginning; all accounts being usually made up to the end of the year, this would in future save Ginance Committees much unnecessary trouble; Assets and Liabilities of the M. L. Assoct 31 December 1861. Special subscriptions unpaid at date 585 00 Nordheimer's accor 40416 bash on hand 2085 Hon John Rose 160 00. annual Subscriptions apaid 60.61 50600 RAA. Miller 20 93 1417 " E. S. Juttle c/a. 20 00 Seale and Fees Por Coans Brothers 1th 1875 19 65 John Jarslow 926 John Date E. C. Jutte 20 50 B. Lawson Jons 1d xy 48 Thomas Riddell 251 Newsprafers Forontele aver 19.00 V 3 here boque four Hoso F. Queber thronielle 17.00 Re? River hor Heater Mingeton News 1.88
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Thus you will perceive, that the ordinary revenue of the association is not sufficient to maintain it on it, fresent scale without resorting to what has froved to be a very un reliable source, vin Lectures; the last course of which frover very disastrons to the Association.

Your formittee would again remind you of the

uncertainty of both the Special & annual subscriptions. In regard to the latter it may be said that resignations are of more frequent occurrence than the admission ofnew thembers, Referring to the Resolution of the Board requesting the Jinance Committee to fropose some method of increasing the Revenue of the association, gon formittee do not feel that this can in any way accomplished until there are greater altractions in the Reading Room and Library to induce new brembers to join, and they trust that the subject of the Board will conduce in a large measure to that end. All of which is most respectfull submitted.

1. D. Browne C.F. form: frotem The Secretary presented applications, from the following gentlement, for the office of Superintendent, vin aleat Simmers, John Barnes, James Hardlow, C.B. J. Hankin, A. M. Thomson, John Tipson, F. C. Gilman, William Honaldson, Man Key Lucas, Alexander Bednawski, David R. Ross, A. C. Kyte Ather Wood, Tho Leo: Leders, J. C. S. Ridgeray.

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Minutes of proceedings at an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors mil. a. held on tuesday 1st april 1862. hesent: - M. Nivin, hesident, in the Chair. RM Matchitt, I'L' Steete, P. D. Browne, S.C., James h S. Sones Lyman, E. Judge, S. Caldecott, a. Mr. Sievwijht. Richard Thomas, and Illinton The minutes of previous meeting were read tonfirmed. The bommittee appointed to select one or morename from the list of sixteen applicant, submitted to them at the last meeting - reported that they thought the ballot should be confined to Mess. C.B. f. Sbankin, arthur Hood, R.M. Thomson. After some discussion the names of all the application were read over, and the reference, Histomoniah read when requested by any one Director, It was agreed that an informal ballot should take flace, to test the feeling of the meeting, and that the election should be confined to the two gentlemen who should receive the largest number of votes, two ballots took place with the following result: 1st bote. Hood 4 Sbankin 4 Thomson I Tipson I Mardlow 1. 2. Vote. Hood 5 Hankin H Thomson I Tipson! It was then moved by AV. Judge secondedly M. Lyman, "that this meeting do stand adjourned until monday next, and that and member of the Board, not able to be present then, shall be allowed to give his vote for Superintendent, to the Secretary enclosed in a sealer envelope- to be opened at the time the ballot is taken. The meeting adjourner at 10.45. James Chinton Rev Lect.

Minutes of proceedings at an adjourned meeting the Scienters of M. L. a. held on Monday Thatfill 1862. hesent, H. nivin hesident in the Chair mas, Sinton heasurers Monthly Report ner. yerrat - Receipts -Balance from last month 5.90 casel annual Subscriptions that 10.42 Special do 10.00 w 2 lotes newspapers 9.00 \$ 95.32 10 Soffenditue nd the Eran's och ferenood 18.40 was 28:43 Dawson's act books three) 19.00 Poronto Lador friel 1.77 Postage Ancidental Expenses 500. 0.88 the 6.00 Bays Salary Board Superintendent do 15:49 vin Monteel 2 Milleriorship
1862 Sulling don chill sider verz contel use their atmost exertions each to procure ten new Subscribers to the association - afreed le ._ Mr. Jacob Dewitt was appointed a Director in the room of M. A. Lerkins fr. resigned.
Adjourne to Miffeil flisher Sking

Minutes of proceedings at an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors in L. al. held on tuesday 1st affil 1862. RAI 0.00 Rich The m The 6 from the at the lass should be R.M. Thon names of Histimon · Il n take place election. should res took plan 1st vote. 2. Vote. Sti Lyman monday able to be for Supe envelop James CS inton New Sect.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of M. L. A. held on Monday 21th Afril 1862 a 8fm dere fresent H. Aivin, N. H. Matihith, S.B. Suthertand. J.C. Sinlow Adjourner at 8.50 for want of a guorum. A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mil. a. was held this evening 30 affil 18/2 at 8 In hesent; M. Rivin besident in the Chair. R. W. Matchitt, C. Judge, Sto. Sulhertans and Sinton The bresident submitter a shetch of a report to be submitted at the Semi-annual onceting of the Association it was fully discussed, and a few amendment, having been suggisted - the busident was represted to prepare it for presentation on Monda next.

The following accounts were ordered to be referred to the frofer bommittees, vij

John Parslow's account forbinding of to 11 Dect & \$11.65 Quebec Chronicle, new profrietor, one year ending (14 huhb) 5.00 Hamilton Speciator (2 years Semiworth ending bafil 1865) 5.00 afil 30 Quarter sent due this day 137.50 603.87 The item of interest in Rordheimers account, it was determined, shall not be fraid, The Treasurer was authorised to pay the above accost, if found comed, as soon as he can obtain the required fund.
Adjourned. Allinton Rev Seey Semi annual Meeting of the Association, Monda 5 May 18/2 There being no quorust, The hesident at 8:45 gave notice that the Semi annual Meeting will be held at a future day of which due notice will be given. Jestinton Red Secs a Special meeting of the Board of Directors of M.d.a. was held on Hednesday afternoon 21th May 1862 to con sides the proposal of thess. For theires to lease the Upper Concert Hally. Present, W. Mivin bresident in the Chair. Thest A. Thomas, C. Judy, I. L. Lagnes, Livwight, Sinton

Minutes of months meeting of the Board of Directors of Queitors of mh. at held of monday 2. June 1862. hesent. I A rivin besident in the Chair. The minutes flast months meeting and of Special meeting of 21th may lack whe read boom firmed. Mist reported having written to Bress? them to cancel the lease of the hoom now occupies by the association - their agent W. Will informed the hesident that he could not himself give us a decided answer, but Dr. Hordpeiner will short be in town when he will lay the matter before him and give us an immediate answer. The matter was left in the hands of the bommittee after some discussion on the fosition of the Asso-ciation the meeting adjourned. It sinton bee, Sey Minutes of months meeting of the Driectors of M. L. Assock. held on Monday the 7th Duly 1862 at 8 fm. hesent, W. Mivin hesident in the Chair, The minutes of last meeting were read of confirm The hesident reported that Mess nordheimer had addressed a letter to him, in which the decline to cancel the lease, of the Rooms now occupied hy us. Nappeared to be the opinion of the majorit of the Director present that in the fresent ofostion of the association we cannot safely undertake to belat the lease - and on motion of Sta Steele seconded by M. Calderott that the Report be received and the Committee discharged. - Coursed. Siddons The hesident mentioned that Professor Siddons

now in this city, is desirous of making an arrangement with the directors-for giving a course of readings in the month of September near-after some discussion it was moved by In Steele, seconded by In Matchitt, "that the matter of engaging hofessor Siddons for a course of Lectures, or Readings, be referred to the Secture formatter with power to act." Carrier The following account were ordered to be paid, John Lovell Groduce Book and binding books \$21.59/2 Charles I. Dagg a receipt book 5.00 Kingston Daily News to 29 March 1862 7.50 Montreal Water Horks Jo gears water supply -11.00 \$ 45.00/2 The meeting then adjourned Sames Chinton Leg Minutes of months meeting of the Directors of the table. hesent: R. M. Matchill O.S. in the Chair. Thist. Brown, Jagues, Suthertand, Holdecott. The Chairman regnester Mr. Caldecott, to act as Secretary for the meeting. The Hunter of last moleting were read teorfirmed The Foronto blobe accol for \$6.00 was ordered to bepair Mess. Hordheimer's accol for rent \$603.87 was referred to the Finance Committee. Mest Torrance & Morris ap \$5 was ordered titepaid. and the montreal Herald ap for & warrefered to the Lecture Committee. The Lecture Committee presented their Report the have engages the hofessor Siddons to deliver the lectures or readings before the Association in to grass receipt as remuneration.

On motion of Sw. Brown seconded by Mr. Sutherland that the Refort be received tadopted. It was recommended to the Lecture Committee to endeavor to procure the delivery of the Lectures by Horace Greely and Hendell Phillips The meeting then adjourned. Respondented Sames Christon Sois Minutes of Months, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library desociation heldon Monthsday the 1st day of Seftember 1862.

hesent; M. Mivin Eng hesident in the Chair.

Mess' Matchitt, Sutherland, Seivewight, Jaques, Caldadt and Sunton, The minutes of frevious meeting were read toonfirmed The Treasurer presentes the following refort which on anotion was received and adopted, Cash on hand Ded 1/61 \$87.09 Cashpaid midental Capenses 141.99 Received for annual Subscript 138.92 u u water rate 22,00 for Special do 458.00 - - Gasafe (3 gnarters) 111.43 - for Old Newspapers 87.78 80.60 - Newspaper Subscription - for Rent of hooms 0.50 - New books binding 12.41 n for lost books 1.75 - Salaries 31220 " from Man Rivin Eg 200,00 " B. Dawson Lons 7.48 Thems meluded in old Delts " on accol rent 200.00 Paid on ap Milmer Smith 405-80 (vans ap Rivewood 18:75 foronts Leader 19:00 lealet Fees 14:35 Spearle & Dates ap 23:08 ap 3 Privers Inquier 10:80 Fees 10:50 \$ \$502:05 " Insurance 15.12 - loss on Tiles lectures 49.25 - on afe of old debtato 502.03 Cash on hand 69.03 \$ 1574.04 E. E. Montreal 30 August 1862. A. Mr. Servivight Treasurer.

The heasurer was anthoused to for Downham, account for repairing the clock! On motton of In Sinton seconder of M. Sutherland, the Greasurer was instructed toright to the hisident the sum of Two hundred Dollars by him advanced to Mr. Boroheimer a portion of the amount due tohim for Rent - from any funds now in hand or to be collected by him. The treasurer was instructed to write to DV. I.B. Cowan calling upontuto pay his sub-Scription to the association, he having introducid a gentleman to the Rooms this season. The meeting adjourned Sumes Christon Sey. Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the M.L.a. held on shonday 1th October 1862. Thesident - R.M. Matchitt in the Chair. Messt Browne, Jagues, Caldecott, Sutherland Sinton. The Aminutes of last meeting were rear tempiones. The Lecture Committee reported that the Siddons reading har resulted in afrofit of 13:50 - The Chairman desires farticularity record his appreciation of the valuable services to whose effort, the result is entirely owing to the exertions of those gentlemenin fact we owed that there is any balance over expenses. The New Hirbune's account for \$ 3.45 for our Room bommittee - to be paid if correct. was referred to the finance bommittee. an account was presented from the Education Office

for four years subscription to the Journal of theats the account should not be part - the paper heing Thet hesident submitted a letter from mit ground that the has not lessure to attend to the Anties dwoods be absent from the City for Sometime of fiving at the same time very liberally tenders the association a donation of fifty bollers in aid of the fundament of the formation of fifty bollers in aid of the fundament. that the letter be laid on the table, and the Secretary be instructed to write to buttivin requesting him to reconsider the decision he has arrived at, and to intimate to him that the Board are very desirous that he should continue in Office - and to convey to prim at the sametime their grateful acknowledges of for his very liberal offer. Carried. The meeting then adjourned. Samton Secretary. Special meeting of the Board, to consider the expediency of engaging for Pandenhoff to give a coule of lectures or aladings before the association heldow R. A. Bratchitt log 1th I. I in the chair Messt Judge, Jagues, Caldecott, Sutherland Sinton. M. Caldecott reported that the Lecture formittee having written to Meorge bandenhoff engining whether he could deliver one or more reading byfore the association, and on what terms, that gentlemen has replied that he will deliger I readings during the month of hovember next for the sum of \$200,00 or three readings for \$250. In the present state of the finances the bommittee donot feel justified in

incurring the rish of failure and for this reason had called the Directors together. after a good deal of consideration we were unanimously agreed to effect an engagement with M. Vandenhoff - and On motion of M. Indge seconded by M. Sintone it was resolved "That the Chairman of the Lecture Committee be authorised to engage M. Fandenhof to deliver a series of readings before the Association during the month of hovember next.

Adjourned,

James Chinton Rev. Seg. Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of M. L. a. held on Monthy lovening November 3. 1862.

hesent, R.M. Heatchitt V.F. Caldecott, Lagues Linton.

At onine o'Clock, there not being a quorum, the meeting adjourned. meeting adjourned. James Clinton Ree Seef. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Mh. a Keld on Kednesdy loening 12 Nov-1812 at 80 Clock hesent. A. M. Matchill log in the chair. A. M. Sievewright S. Caldecott, C. Jaques A Thomas and the Secretary. The Levelar reas a letter from M. Mivin, ac Inowledging reclift of his communication, requesting him to retain the office of hesident until the end of our fisial year, he expressed his inability to do so, owing to a multitude of other engagements but it was arranged that Mi him should continue to hold the Office - and some other, member of the Board undertake the preparation of the Annual Report

Some discussion look place asto the fre-paration for the Annual heeting, whereafter It was moved by Mr. baldecott, seconded by Mr. Japus and hesolved that these Matchitt, Thomas, Sievewicht Colderott the Secretary be a formmittee to drafthe Annual Report of the Board - the Chairmen of the racious Committees furnishing their Refort of Monday next - aspecial meeting of the whole Board to be convened for the purpose of considering the Report frior to it being submitted to the Association.

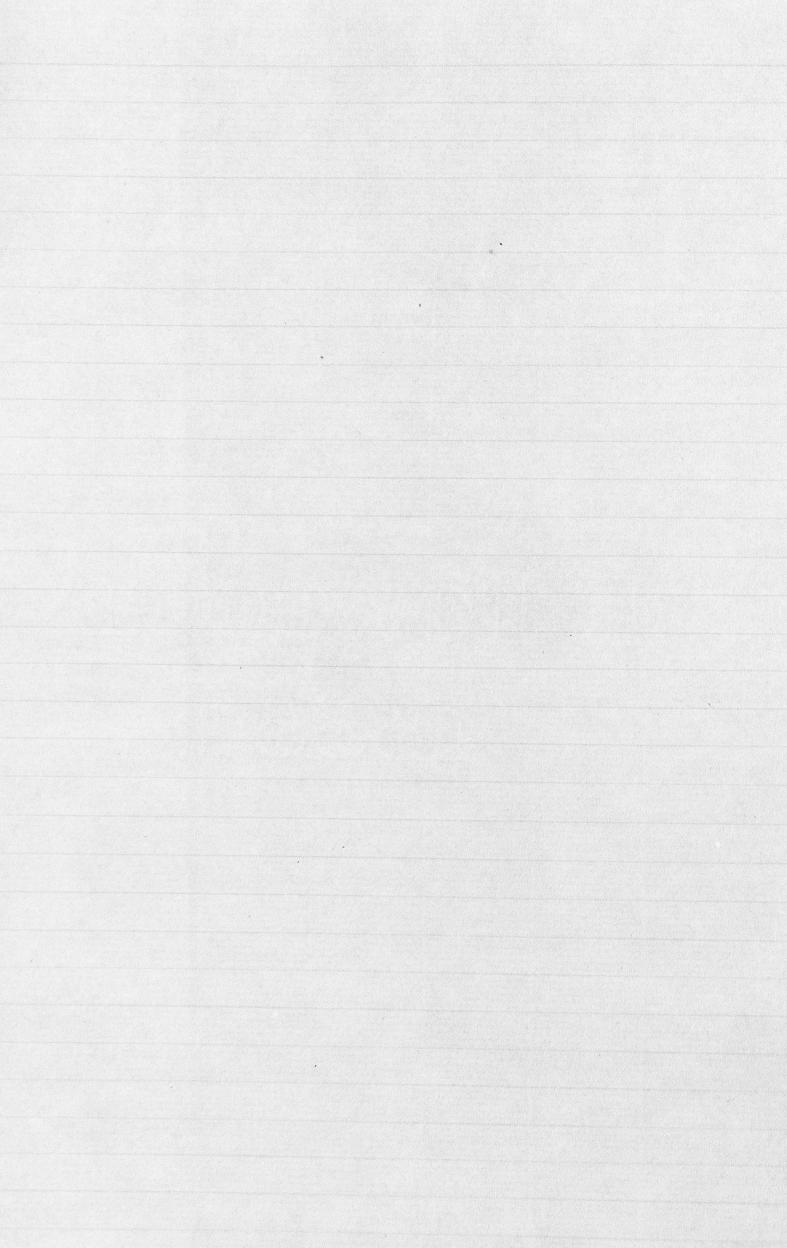
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Minutes of the Ewenty Second Annual feneral Meeting of the Mercantile Sibrary Asso-viction of Montreal; held on Monday Evening the 24 November 1862 at 80clish. hesent, R.M. matchitt Egy V. in the chair. Moss! A. In Sievewricht Treasurer, S. Caldecott Corresponding Secretary, Illinton Rec Secretary Report will be found meeted at the close of the minutes of this meeting. Minutes of this meeting. It was then moved by the baldecott seconded by M. Theodore Izman "that the Report now read be discussed clause by clause"
Sment Mr. Thomas moves in amendment seconded by M. Middlemiss That the Report be adopted as a whole"
After some discussion the amendment was carried and the Report adopted. Mr. motion moved seconded by Mrthat a Committee of three members be appointed to take into consideration, the propriety of in-"creasing the annual subscriptions, to the Rooms and to make such suggestions as the may deem frofen that will have the effect of increasing the funds and usefulness of the desociation and to refort this day week! Carried. On motion of Int Thomas, seconded by Mi-Steetos, M. S. Middlemiss was appointed a

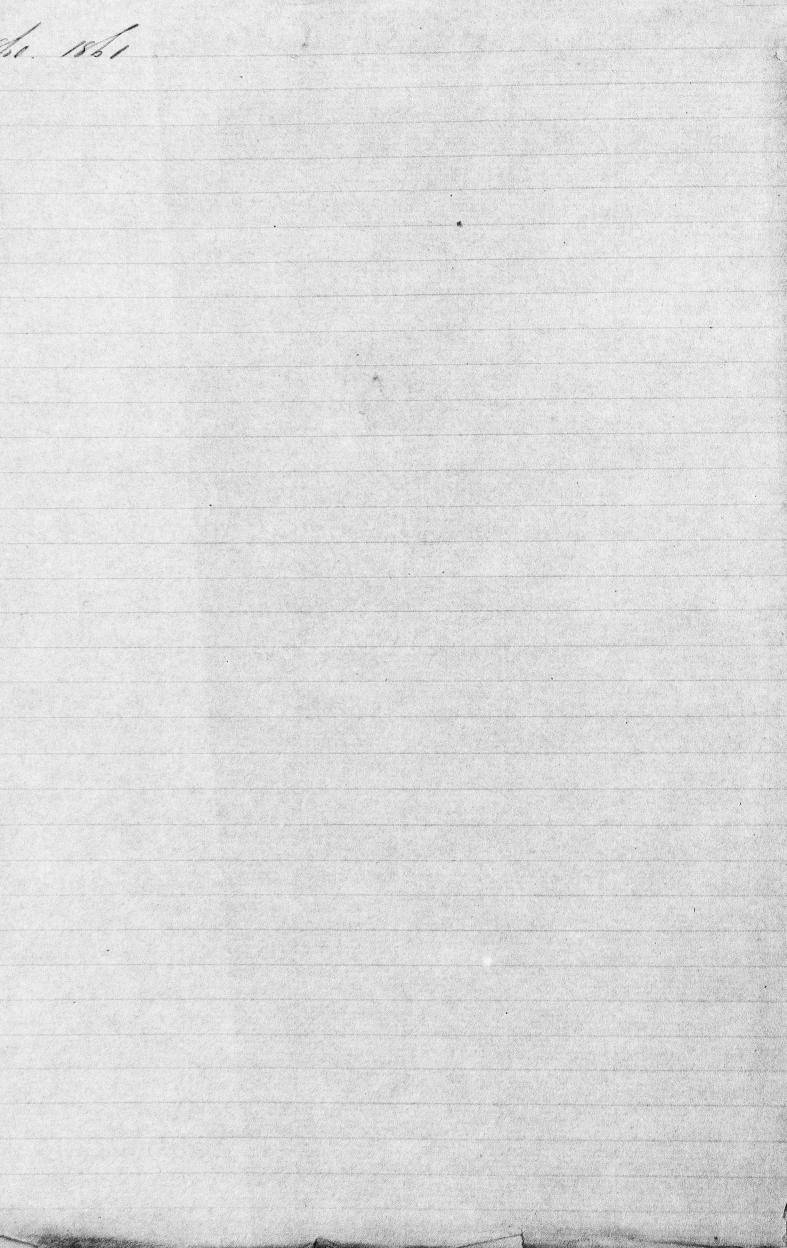
member of the said Committee. On motion of M. Judge recorded by Br. Sague M. Caldecott be a member of said formitte and Montherland moved seconded by M. Inowland that M. A. I. Sbeiter be a member of Said formuller Carried. Artice was given by BN-IN. Middlemiss that he would move at the frofer time that the rates of subscription be increased to such asum aswill make the association-self-On motion of M. Thomas the meeting adjourned the whole respectful submitted.

James Chinton
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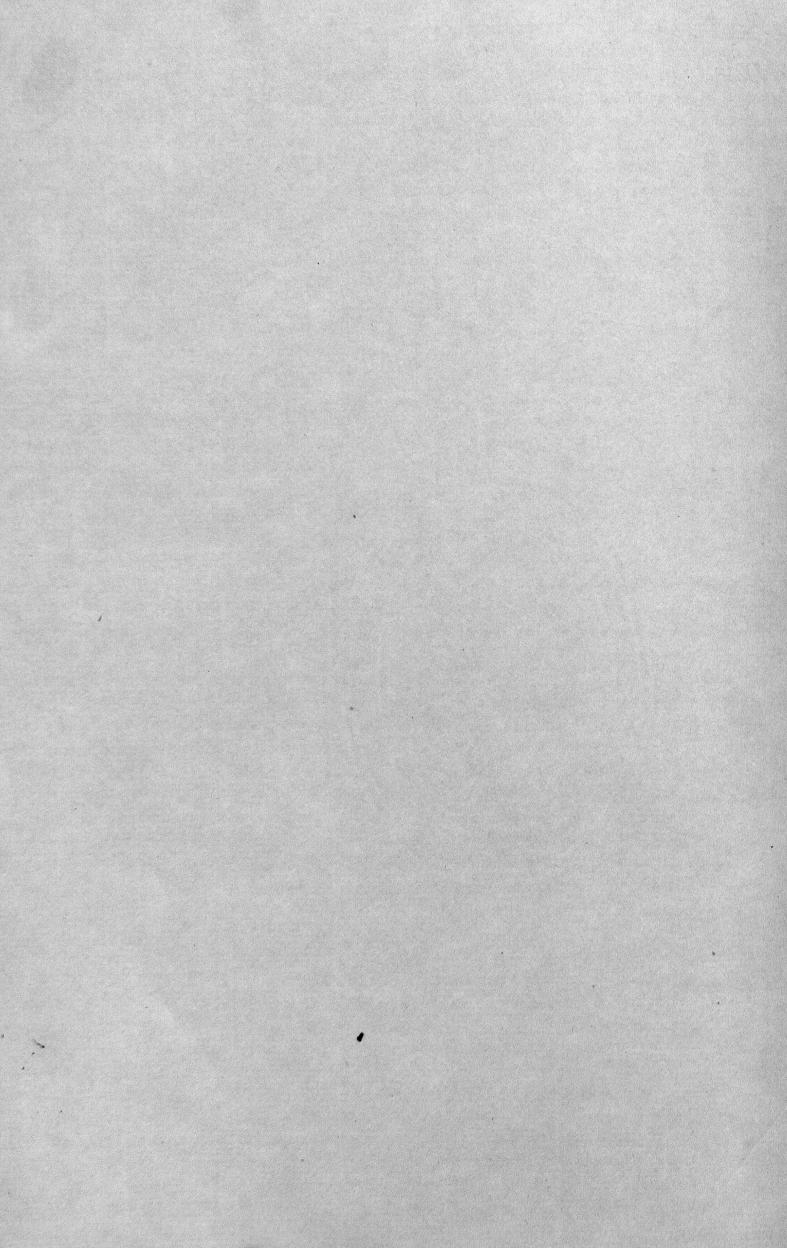
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